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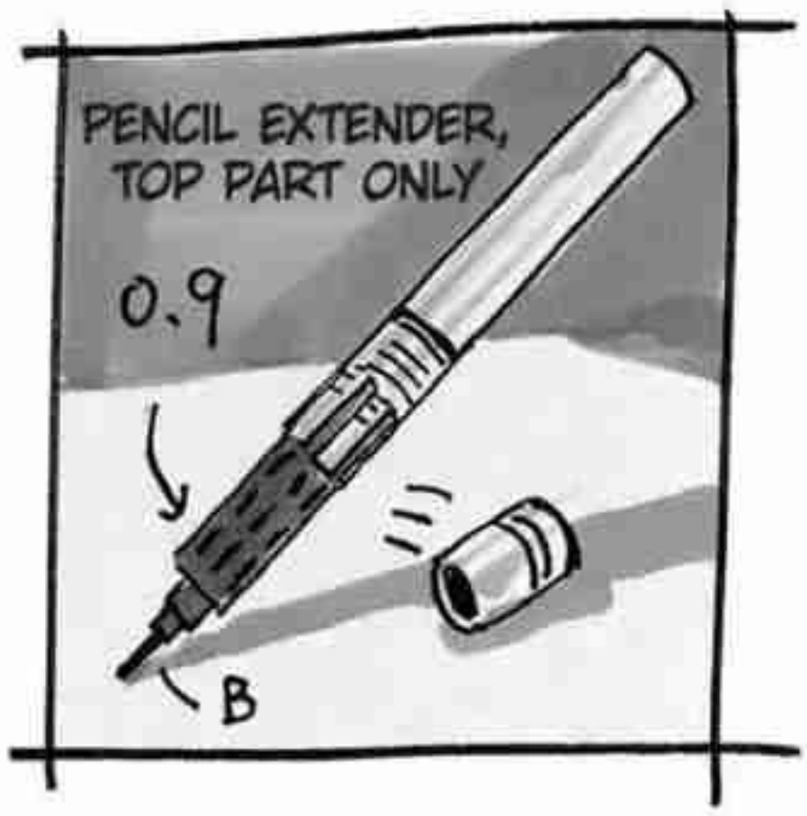

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There's something that I discovered only very recently, in regards to how I draw my manga drafts. I found a B lead 0.9 mm mechanical pencil very easy to draw with. And if I stick it in a pencil extender—that socket you put on the end of a pencil stub to keep using it—it's even easier to draw with. It really reduces the time it takes me to complete a draft!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2014

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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CHARACTERS

Naruto うずまきナルト

Sasuke うちはサスケ

Kakashi はたけカカシ

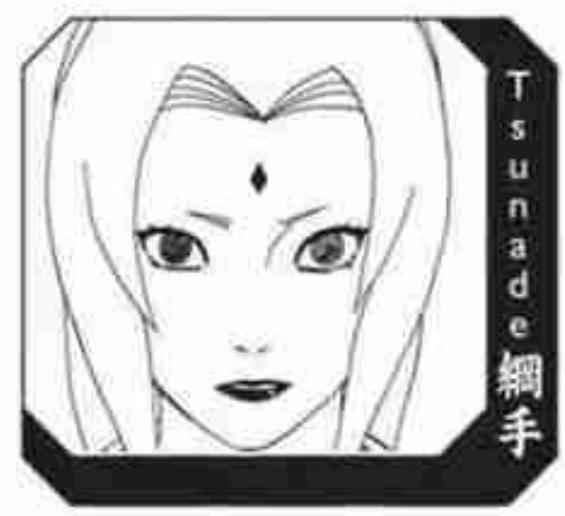
Sakura 春野サクラ

Sai サイ

Yamato ヤマト

Kurama 九喇嘛

Obito うちはオビト



THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Obito absorbs the Ten Tails and summons forth the Divine Tree in order to activate the Infinite Tsukuyomi. However, during the battle, Naruto reminds Obito of the days when he wished to be Hokage. Now defeated, Obito tries to make amends for his mistakes, but Madara soon takes control of the situation and the war continues!

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LET'S GO WILD!!!
FWP

FWP
SHUKAKU! GO!

SWOOOOO

THUMP

BL
PM

FSH

WIND STYLE! SAND BOMB SALVO!!

BLAST

FWOOOO

WAFT

WAFT

WAFT

WAFT

WHO-WHO-WHO-

SPLACH

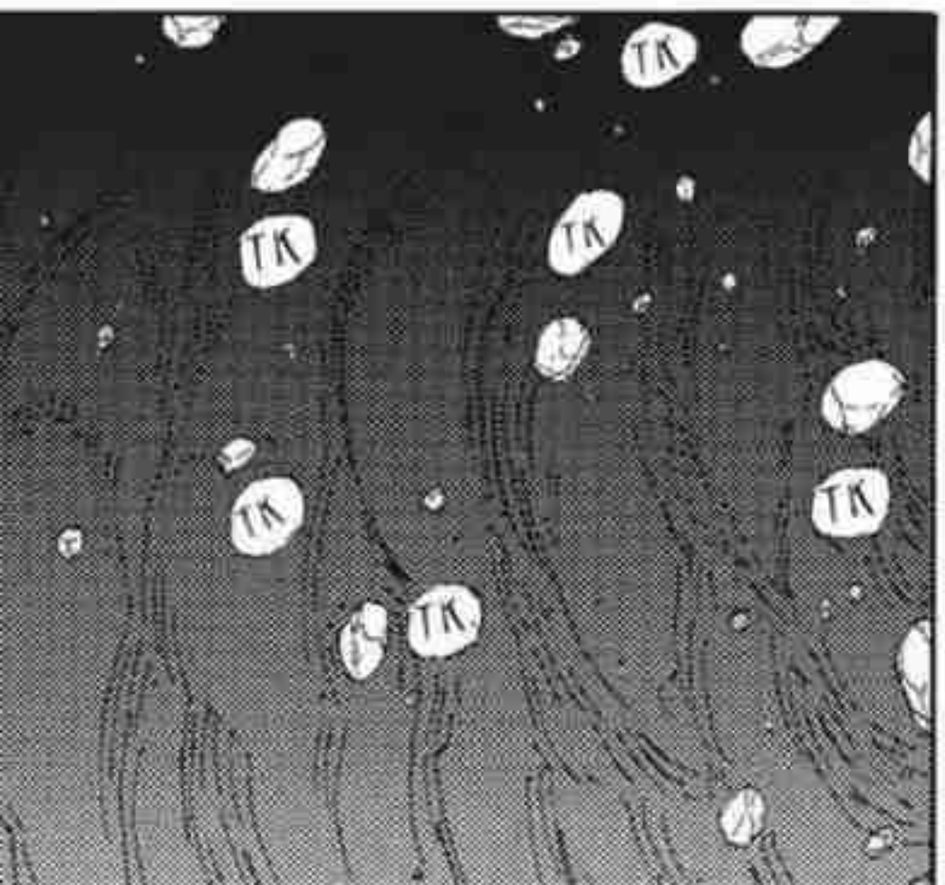
SPLACH

TAK
BUT IT LACKS IN FINISHING POWER!

NICE JUTSU.

?!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH

HAH!!
CLENCH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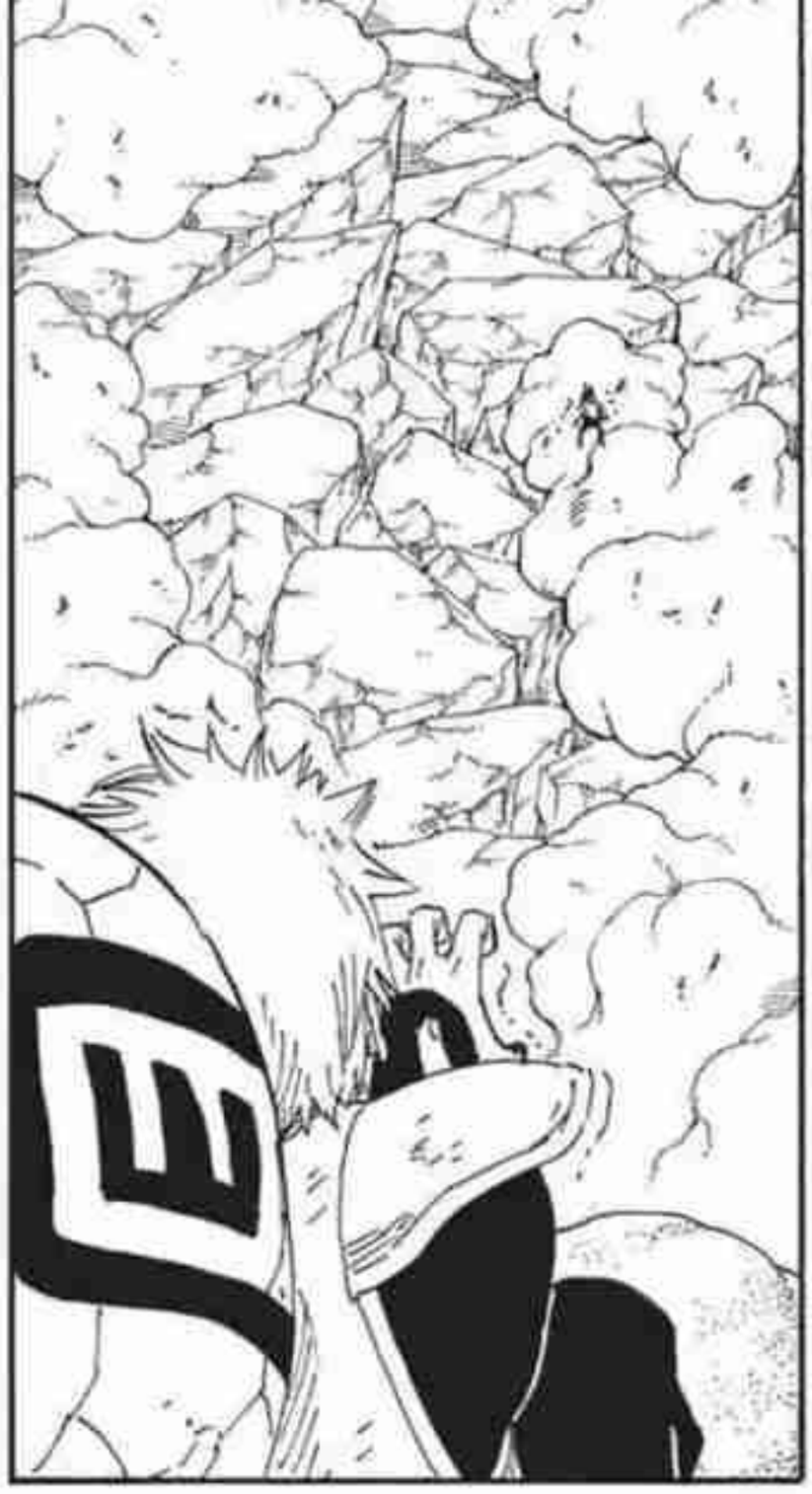


WAFT
WAFT
AH, A JUTSU WHERE YOU EMBED YOUR SAND AND ROB ONE OF FREE MOVEMENT.
TK
TK

FWS
H
!!

WHAP

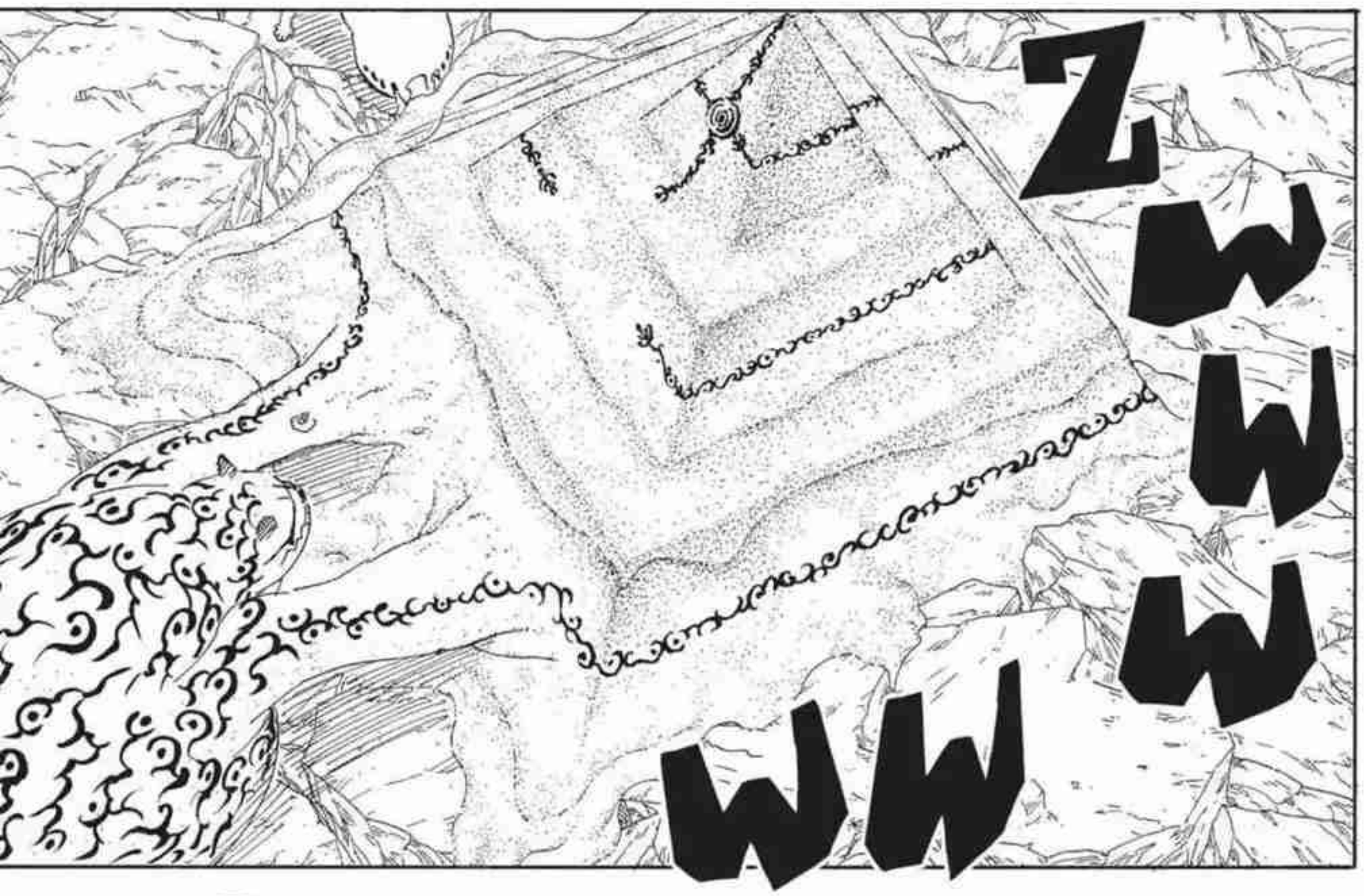
THK
WH
AK
GAKK

SP
LAT

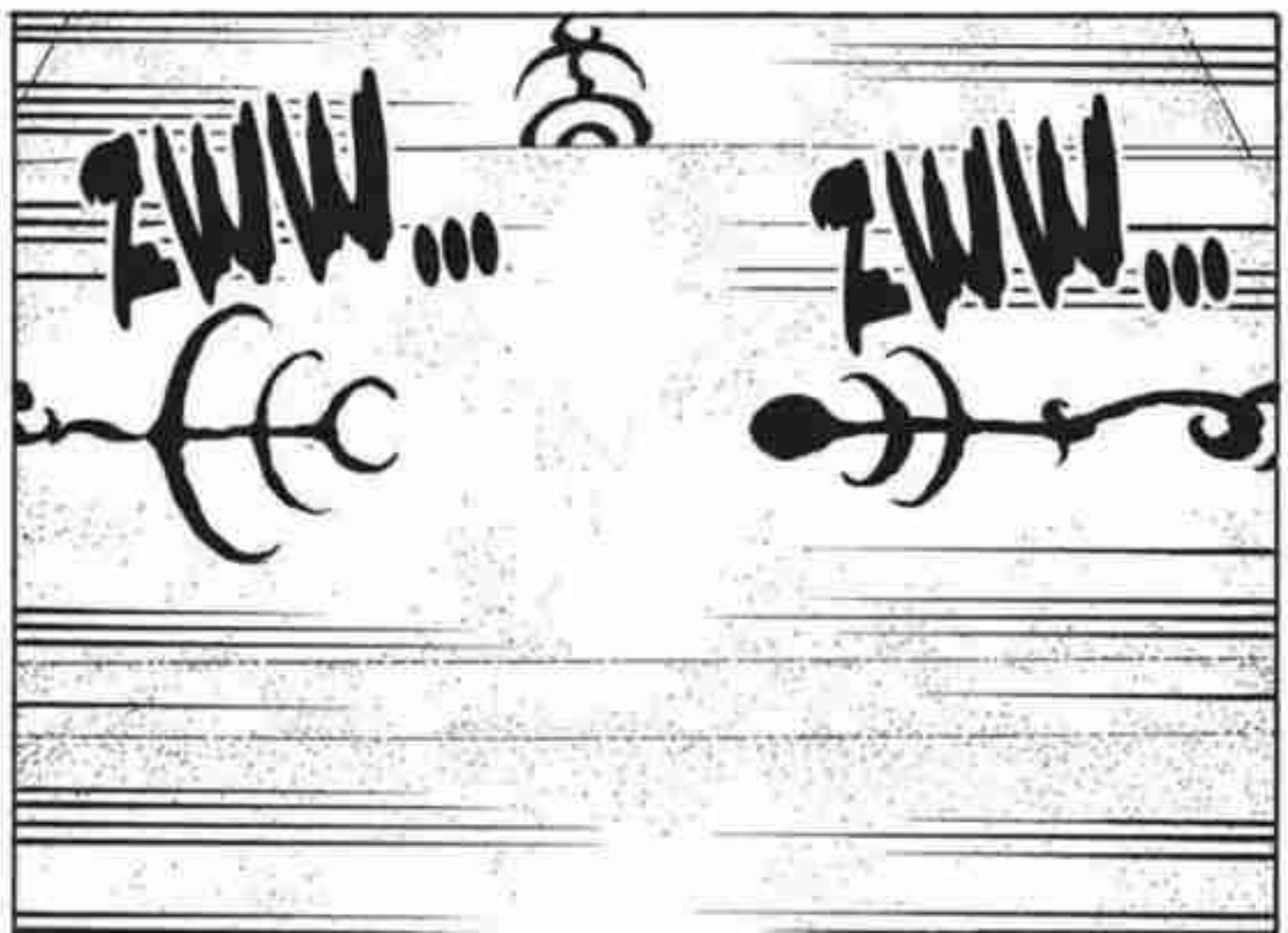
TRO
MP

ZWOOOOOO

ZWOO...
TUG


ZWWWWW

ZWOOP


ZWWW...
ZWWW...

HE'LL NEVER TAKE ANOTHER BREATH OF FRESH AIR AGAIN! GWA HA HA HA!!
IT'S A MAUSOLEUM SEAL THAT USES MY BODY'S SAND AND CURSE MARK PATTERN!

GRAND SAND MAUSOLEUM SEAL!!

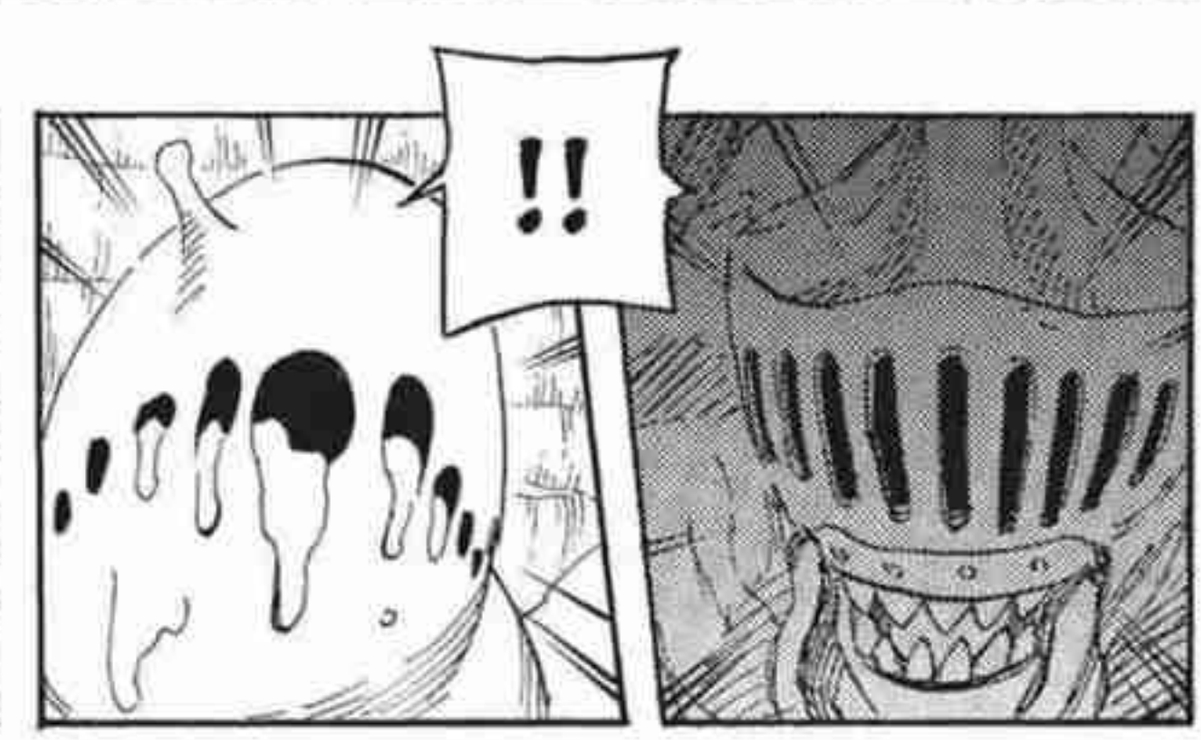
JA

BU
RS

OMP

!!

!!


!!

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!
I'LL BE PUTTING COLLARS ON YOU SHORTLY.

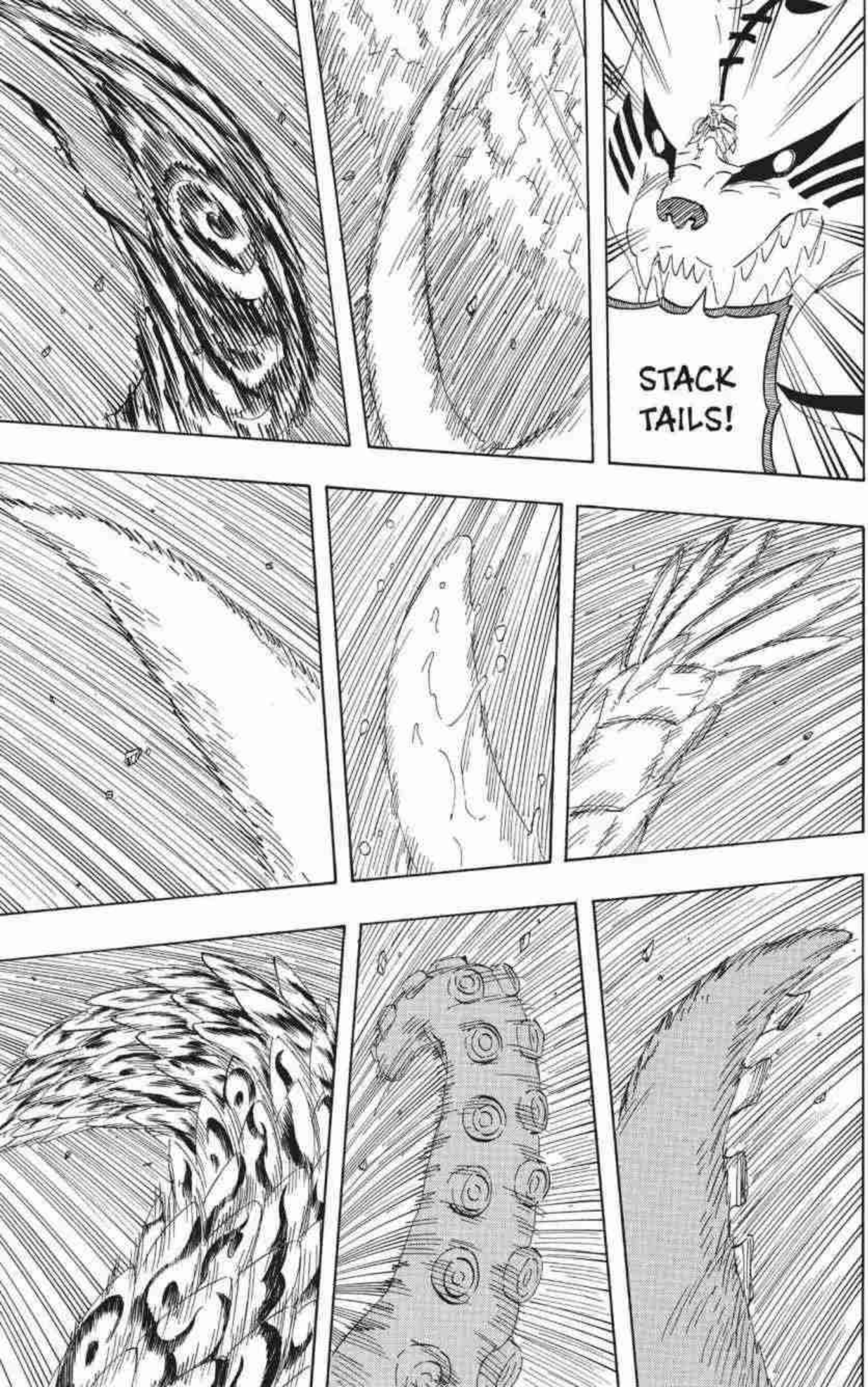
!!

THUP

THERE'S NONE AMONG US WHO'LL WAG OUR TAILS AT YOU!

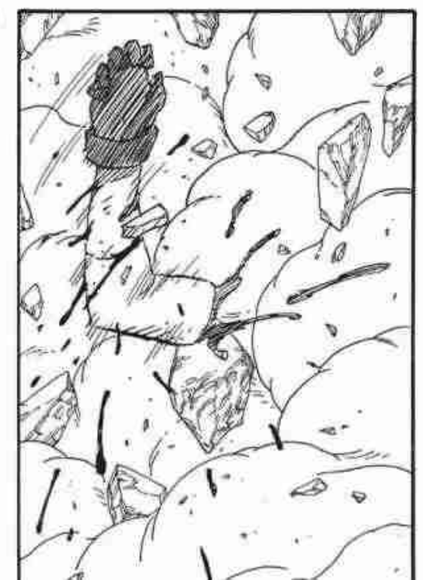
SLAM

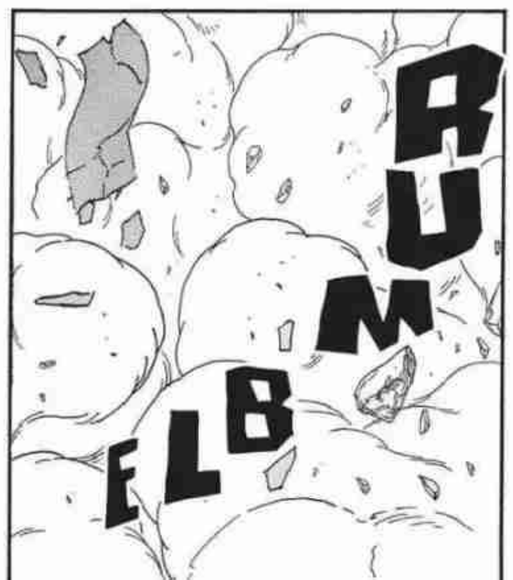
I WON'T LET YA!!


STACK TAILS!

!

BO
OF




RUM
ELB

HMPH... YOU THINK YOU CAN ORDER US AROUND, DUMB FOX?!

NICE TRY, DARN RACCOON!

!
TOUGH BASTARD!

SKIIID

REACH
FISH

DO YOU HAVE IT?
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE.
OF COURSE.
ZWW...

FORGIVE ME FOR MY TARDINESS... LORD MADARA.
ZWW...

GRAB

ZL ASH

PRESS

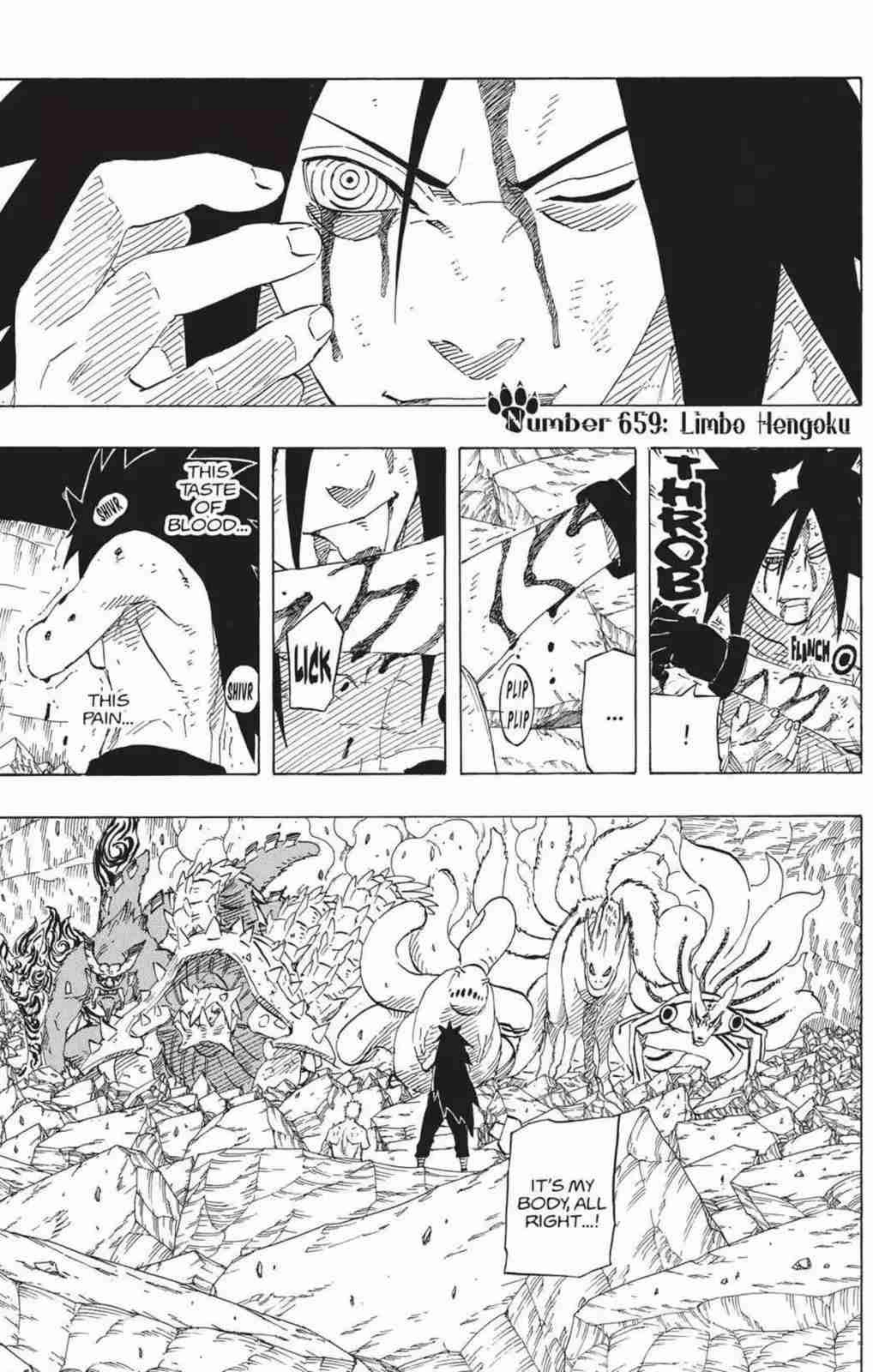
FSH

SQUICH

...THINGS WILL START GETTING A LITTLE FUN...

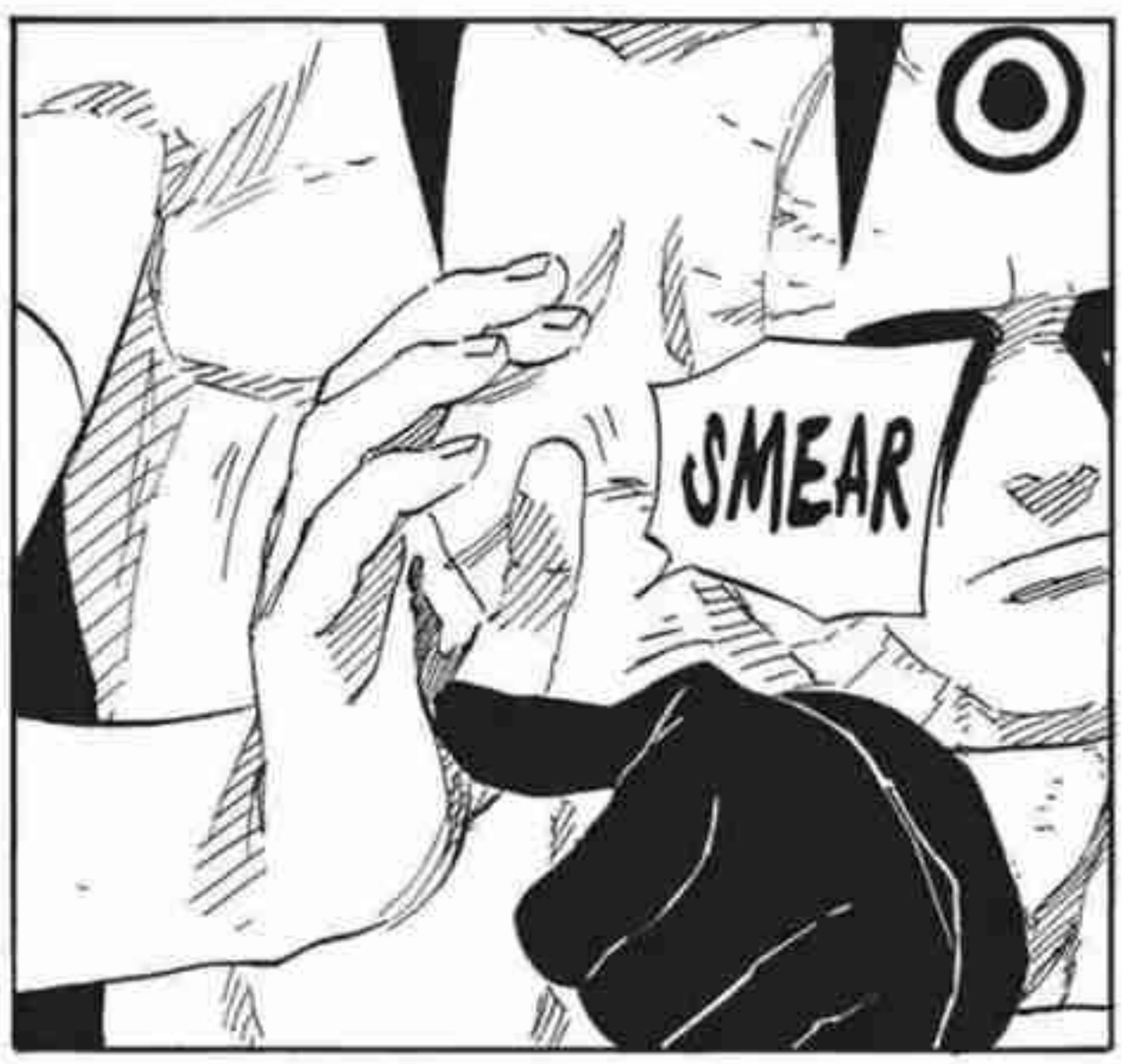
NOW...

FSH...


Number 659: Limbo Hengoku
SHIVR
THIS TASTE OF BLOOD...
SHIVR
THIS PAIN...
LICK
PLIP PLIP
...
THOM
FLINCH
!
IT'S MY BODY, ALL RIGHT...!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA ...
I CAN FINALLY... FULLY EXPERIENCE BATTLE AGAIN!!

SH
UDDER

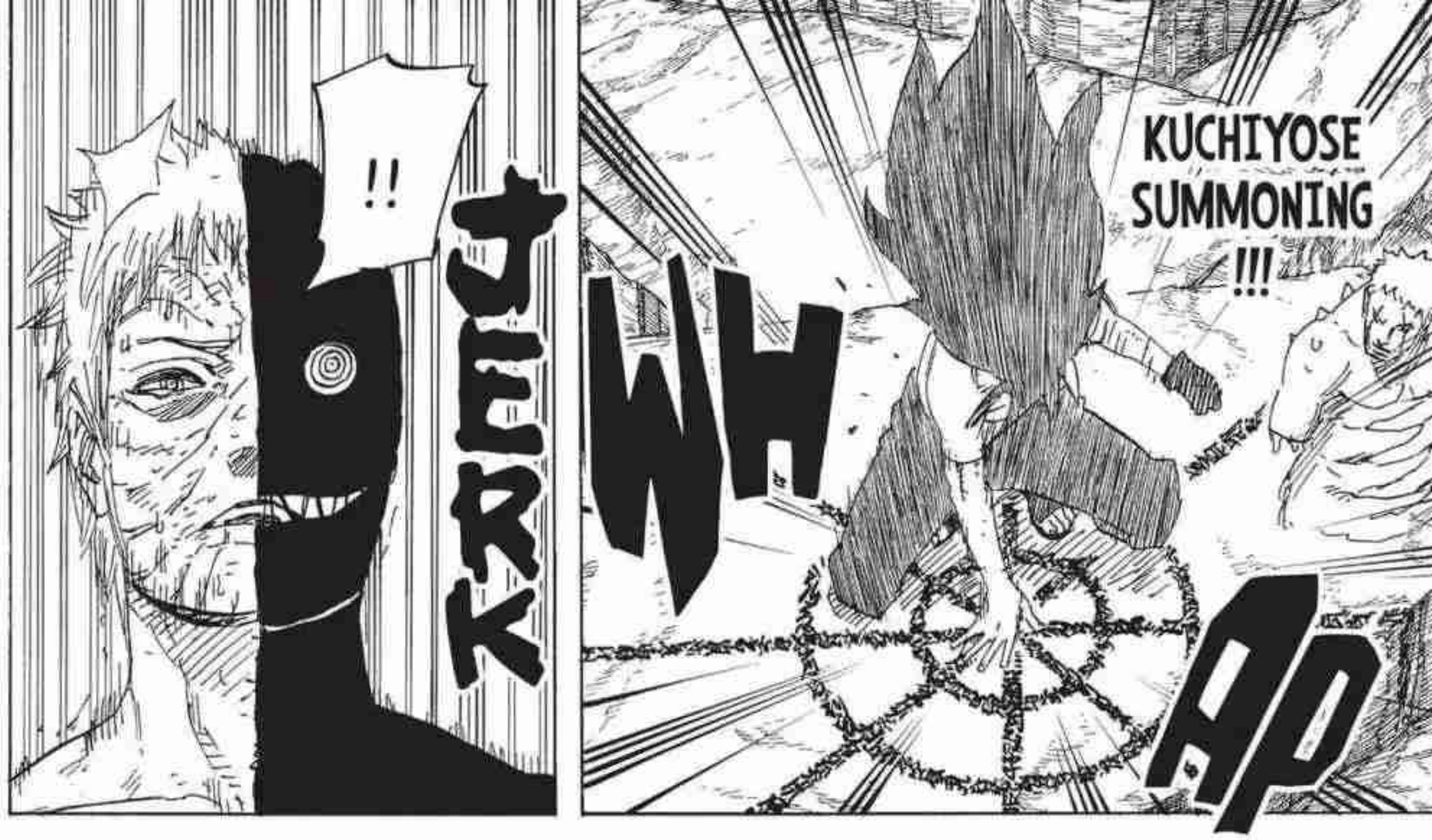

SMEAR

DON'T YOU TUCK YER TAILS UNDER YOU OUTTA FRIGHT, DUMB FOX!
HE'S JUST ONE PUNY HUMAN!

IT'S BRINGING BACK REALLY BAD MEMORIES.
THAT BLOOD...
THAT REPULSIVE BLOOD THAT'S SUMMONED ME BEFORE.

WHAT'S WRONG, KURAMA?!
...!

HMPH!
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU... SHAPE UP!
I WOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM IF I WERE YOU.


!!
ナルトK
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING !!!
WH
AP

BULGE
BULGE
BULGE
!!
ZWW
ODSI

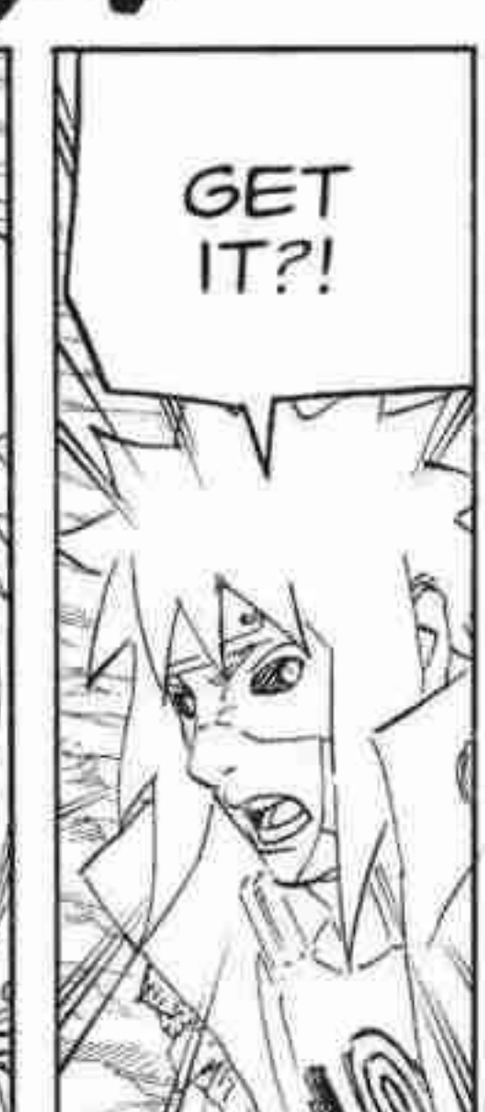
CAN YOU MANAGE, KAKASHI?!
HE'S GOING TO FIGHT USING THAT THING ?!
YES! I THINK SO!

KAMUI!!

ZW
WWW

THOM

MUFF
MUFF
IT SEEMS...
...

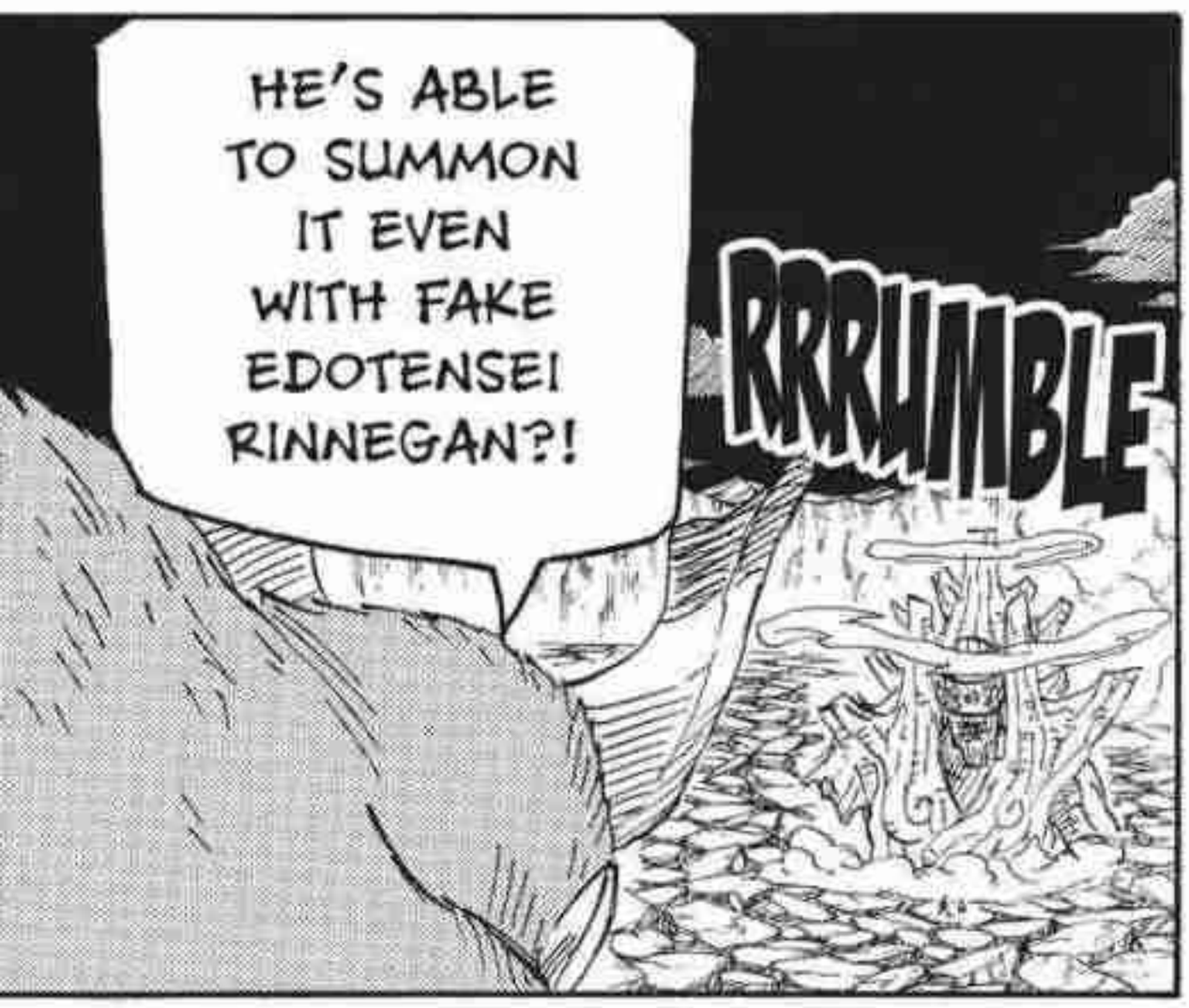

GET IT?!

BO
OF

...I'VE FAILED.

AND NOW I'VE GOT A LITTLE PEN FOR THEM.
WELL, IT'S NO REAL HANDI-CAP.
I JUST NEED TO SHOVE THEM IN THERE.

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S STILL SOMEONE WITH NICE EYES OVER THERE.
SQUELCH
THE RIGHT ARM'S BEEN WRENCHED OFF, HUH...


HE'S ABLE TO SUMMON IT EVEN WITH FAKE EDOTENSEI RINNEGAN?!
RRRUMBLE

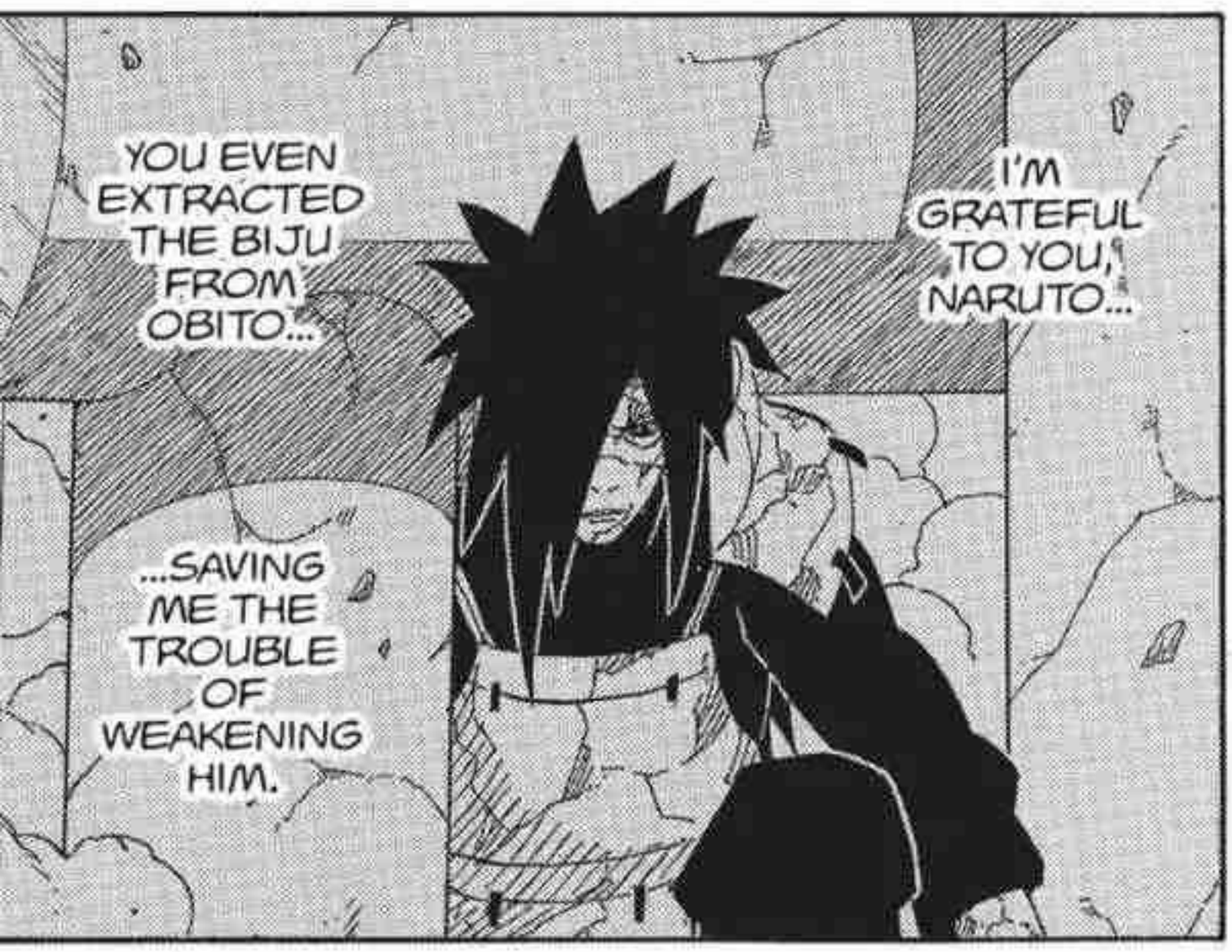
THAT THING AGAIN?!
!

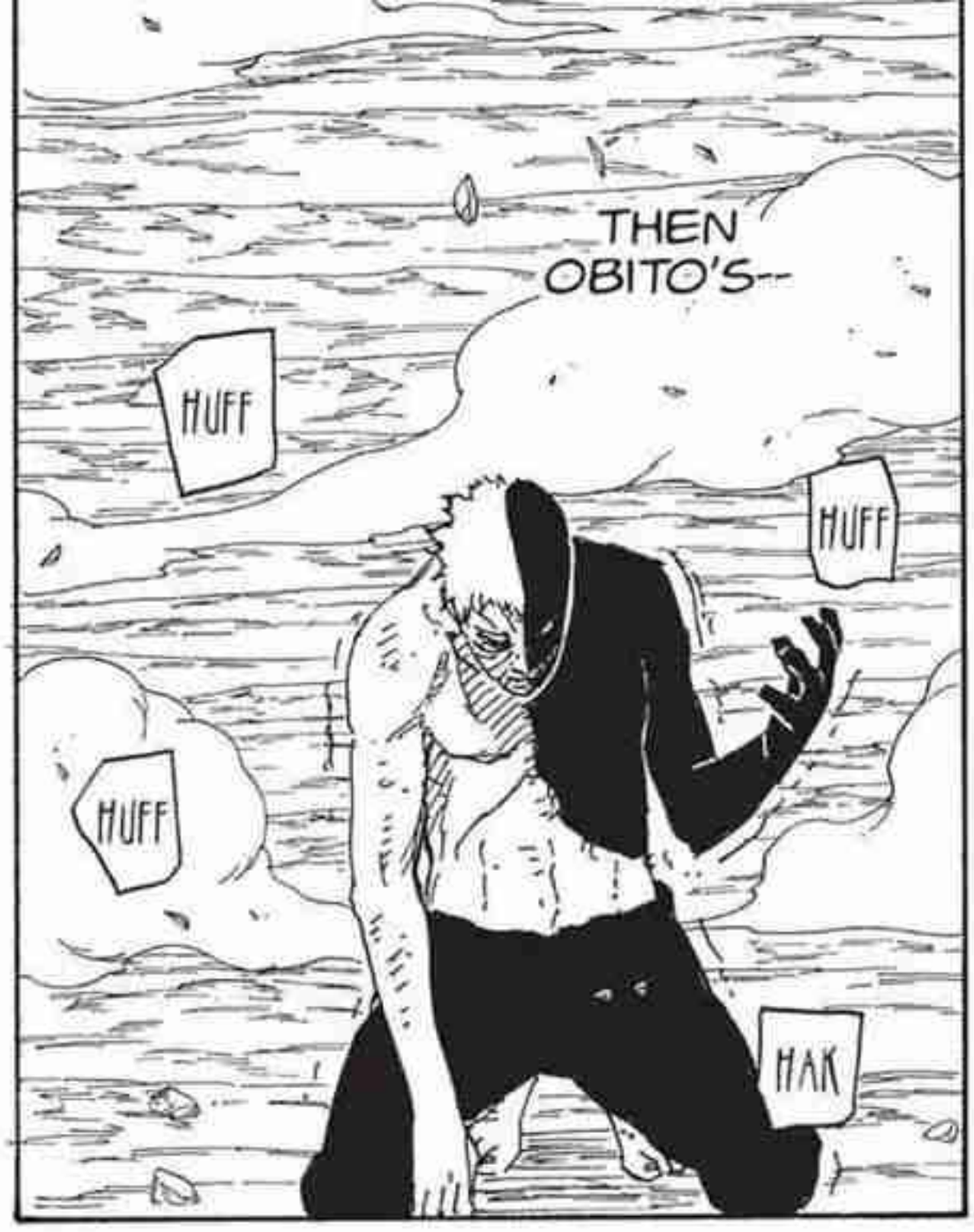
!

!!

HOW'D HE COME BACK TO LIFE?!

SO HE'S NO LONGER EDOTENSEI...
HE'S DRIPPING BLOOD AND BEARING WOUNDS.
HE LIKELY HAS REAL RINNEGAN NOW!


YOU EVEN EXTRACTED THE BIJU FROM OBITO...
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, NARUTO...
...SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF WEAKENING HIM.

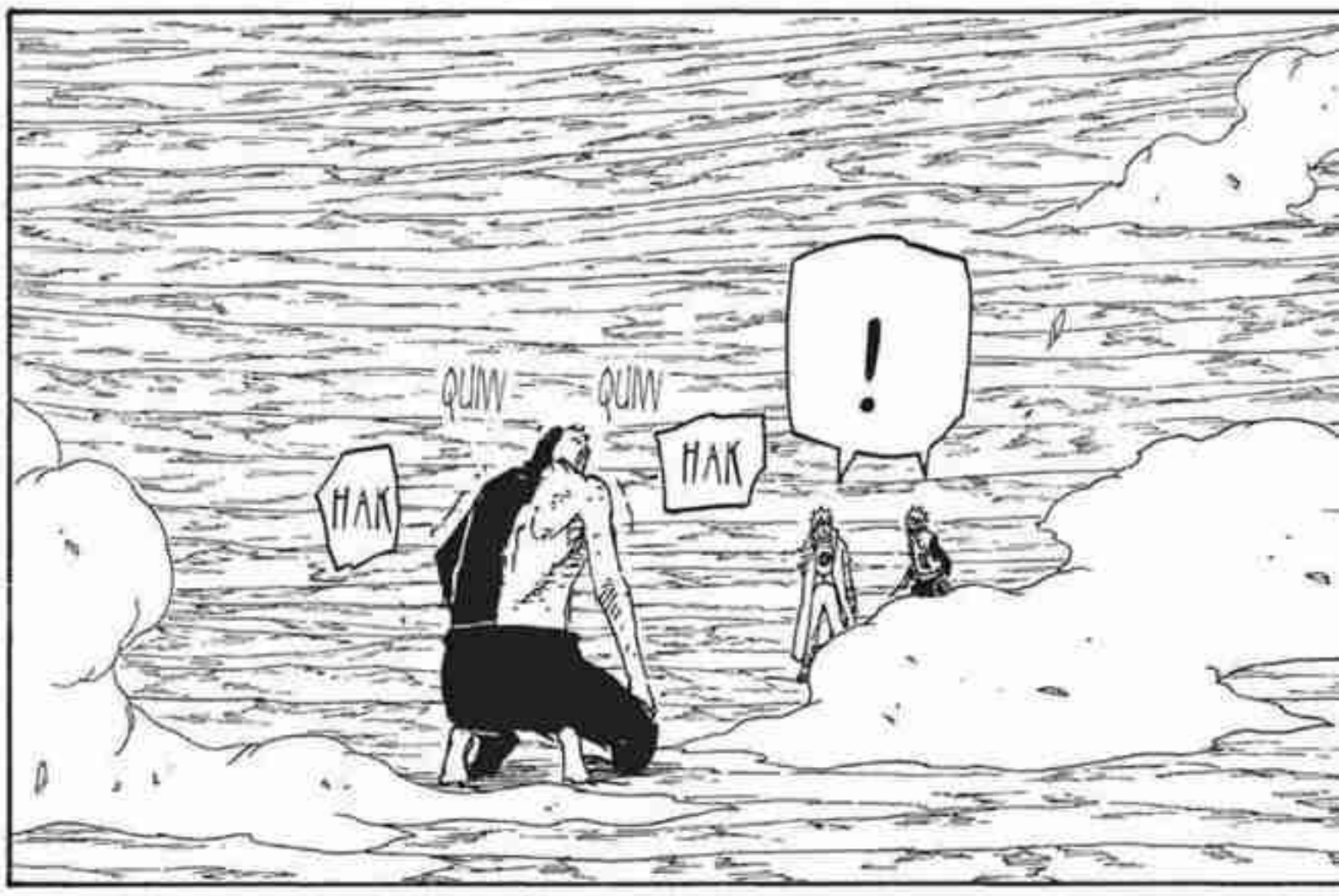

THEN OBITO'S--
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HAK

HE USED OBITO...?
NO WAY...

!!
TAT

FSH

YOU'RE ALMOST DEAD... GIVE UP ALREADY!
YOU STUBBORN FOOL...
QUIV
QUIV
HUFF
HAK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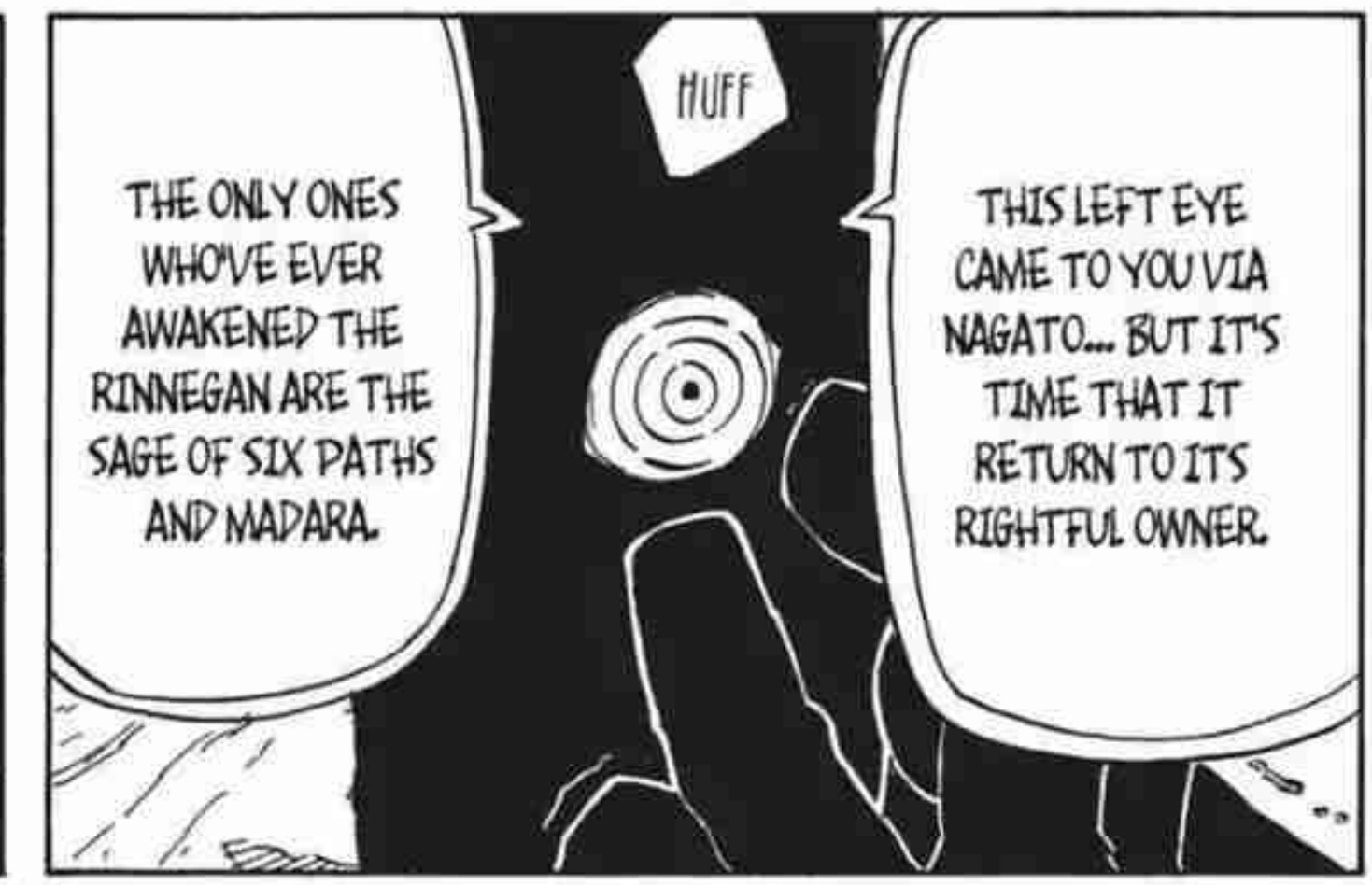
QUIV
QUIV
HAK
HAK

IT'S NOT SOME TRIVIAL THING FOR THE LIKES OF YOU TO KEEP.
HUFF


THE ONLY ONES WHO'VE EVER AWAKENED THE RINNEGAN ARE THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS AND MADARA.
HUFF
THIS LEFT EYE CAME TO YOU VIA NAGATO... BUT IT'S TIME THAT IT RETURN TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.

...AND IT'S ALREADY IN LORD MADARA'S HANDS.
HEH HEH... WHITE ZETSU FOUND THE RIGHT EYE A WHILE AGO...

...AND I'LL HAVE KAKASHI DESTROY THE LEFT ONE NOW.
I'VE HIDDEN THE RIGHT EYE...
HUFF
HUFF

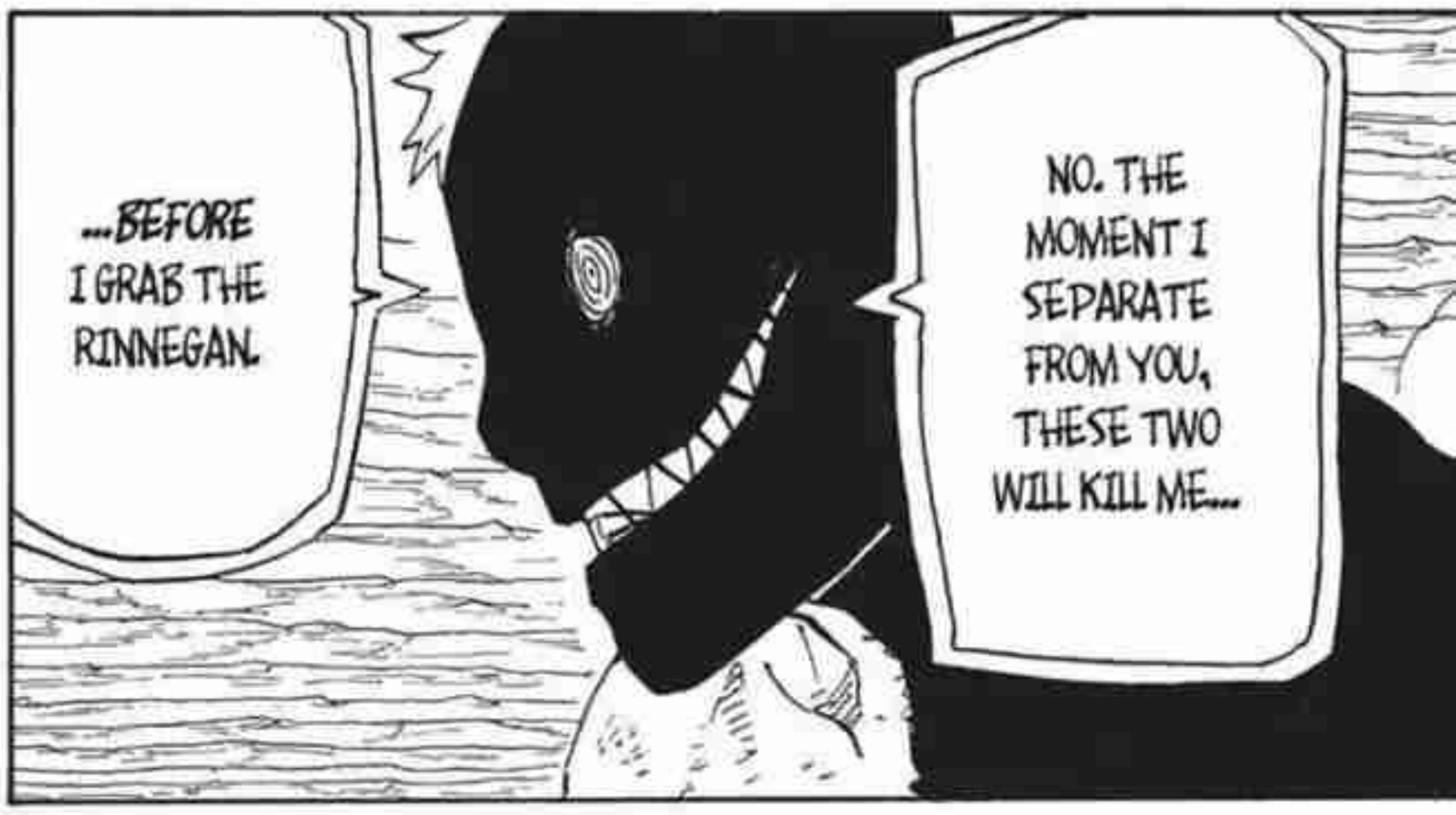
FSH

QUIT RESISTING, YOU HALF-DEAD, NO-LONGER-USEFUL FOOL.
YOU'D BE DEAD IF I WEREN'T STUCK TO YOU, YOU KNOW.

!

HUFF
...AND TAKE THE RINNEGAN OFF MY DEAD BODY...
...
THEN UNATTACH YOURSELF...
HAK

I KNOW THE STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES OF THESE TWO.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I WAS THE AKATSUKI'S INTEL GATHERER?


...BEFORE I GRAB THE RINNEGAN.
NO. THE MOMENT I SEPARATE FROM YOU, THESE TWO WILL KILL ME...

DON'T COMPARE ME WITH THAT BRAT WHO TOOK YEARS TO RETRIEVE THOSE PETS.
ZIZZZZZZ

THOUGH THIS COULD TAKE SOME TIME TOO.
IT DOES SEEM SO.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER FOR THAT LEFT EYE.

...MIGHT CAUSE ME TO FIGHT WITH LESS REFINEMENT.

KNOWING THAT I POSSESS HASHIRAMA'S HEALING POWERS...

BUT YOU'RE COVERED IN BLOOD...

ZIZZZZ

IF I USE THE RINNEGAN'S TRUE POWERS, WE SHOULD SEE A SOPHISTICATED BATTLE.

SO I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.

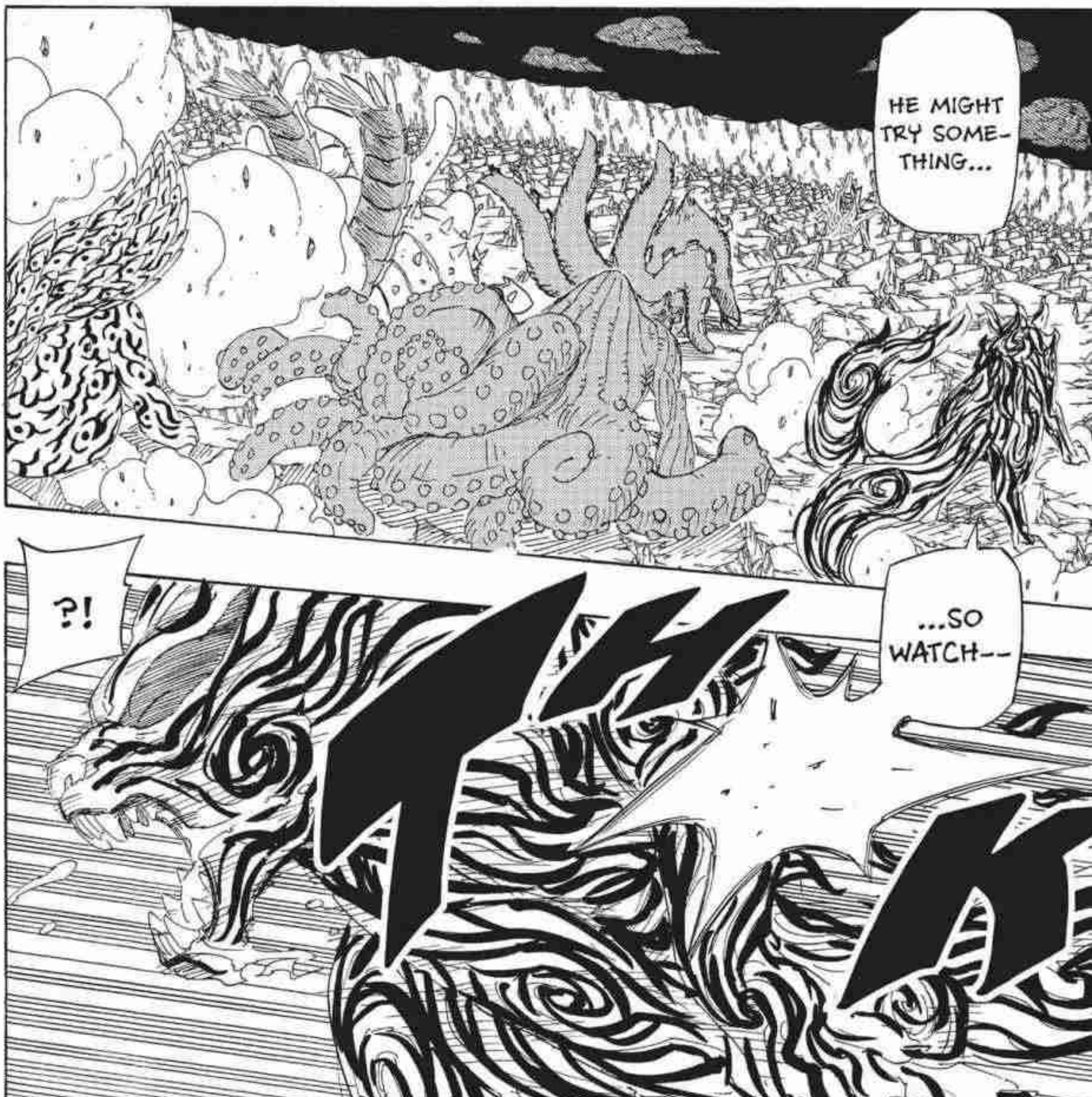
CROUCH

TMP

IT'LL ONLY BE ***A FEW SECONDS***... WATCH CLOSELY!

SPROING

LIMBO HENGOKU!!


HE MIGHT TRY SOME-THING...
...SO WATCH--
?!

ARGH!!
KRA
KAZ
SHI
HUH?!
DO
TOKO
MP
!!

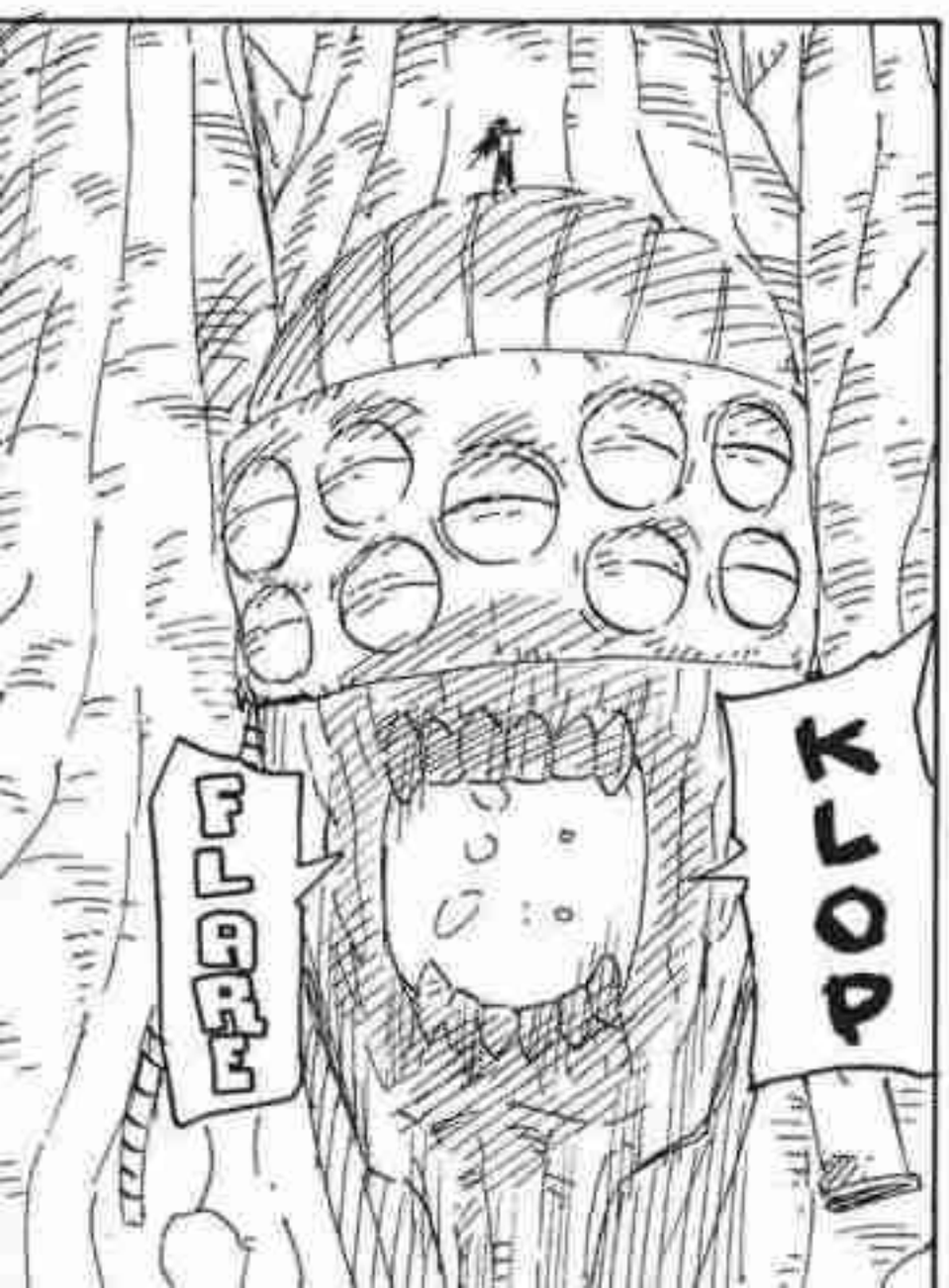
GAH!!
!!
!!
!!

THD-SKIID

THE BIJU SUDDENLY GOT KNOCKED DOWN!!

WHY YOU...

WHAT THE?!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
UGH!


KLOP
FLOP

NOW I CAN PUT ON YOUR COLLARS.
THAT OUGHT TO HAVE TAMED YOU A BIT.
FSH

TWO
OOSH
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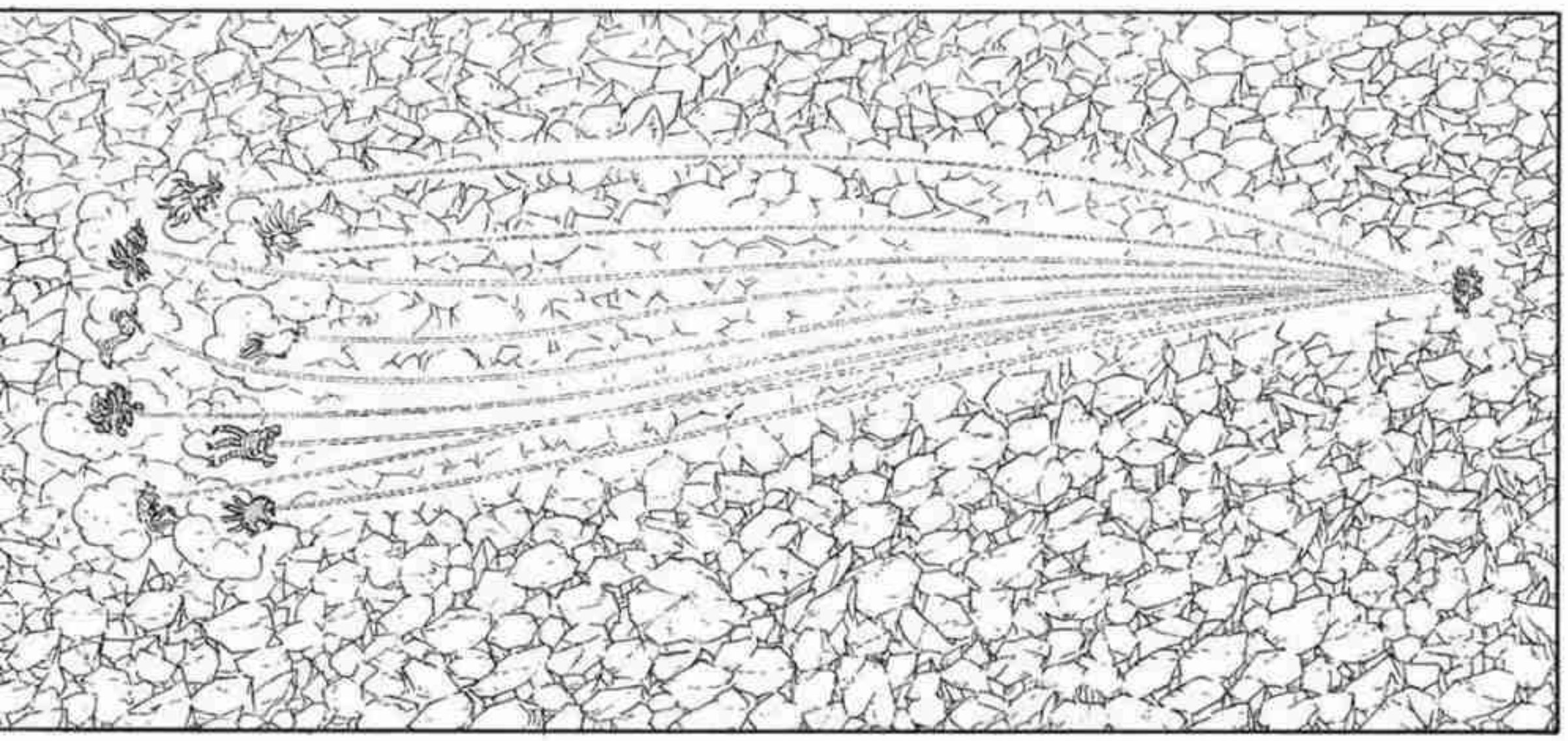
SHH
ZZ
FURRRL
!!
KLAK
ZZ
!!
SHH
KLAK

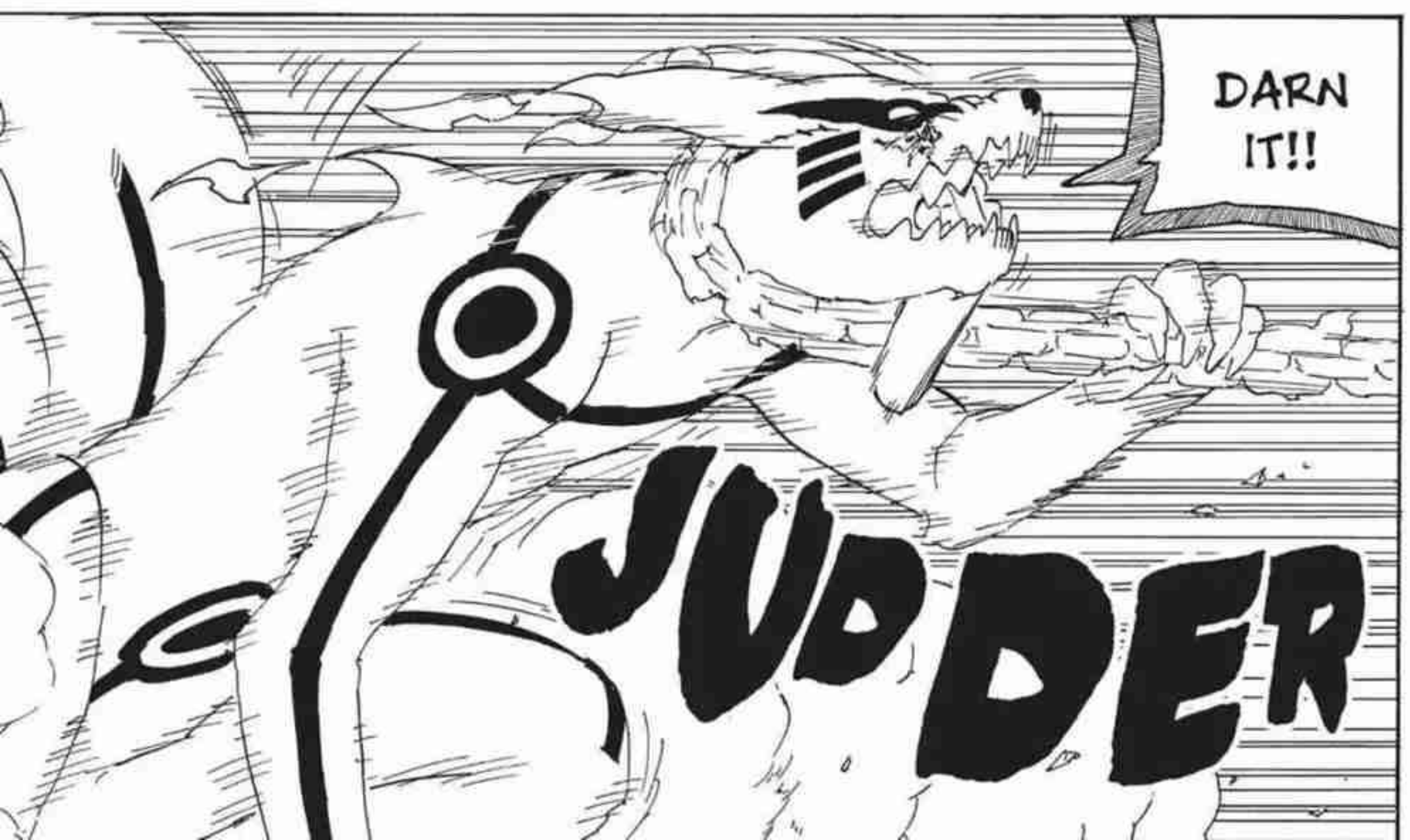


YANK
JERK

!!

KURAMA!!

FIRST, I'LL RIP EIGHT AND NINE TAILS... OUT OF THEIR JINCHURIKI!

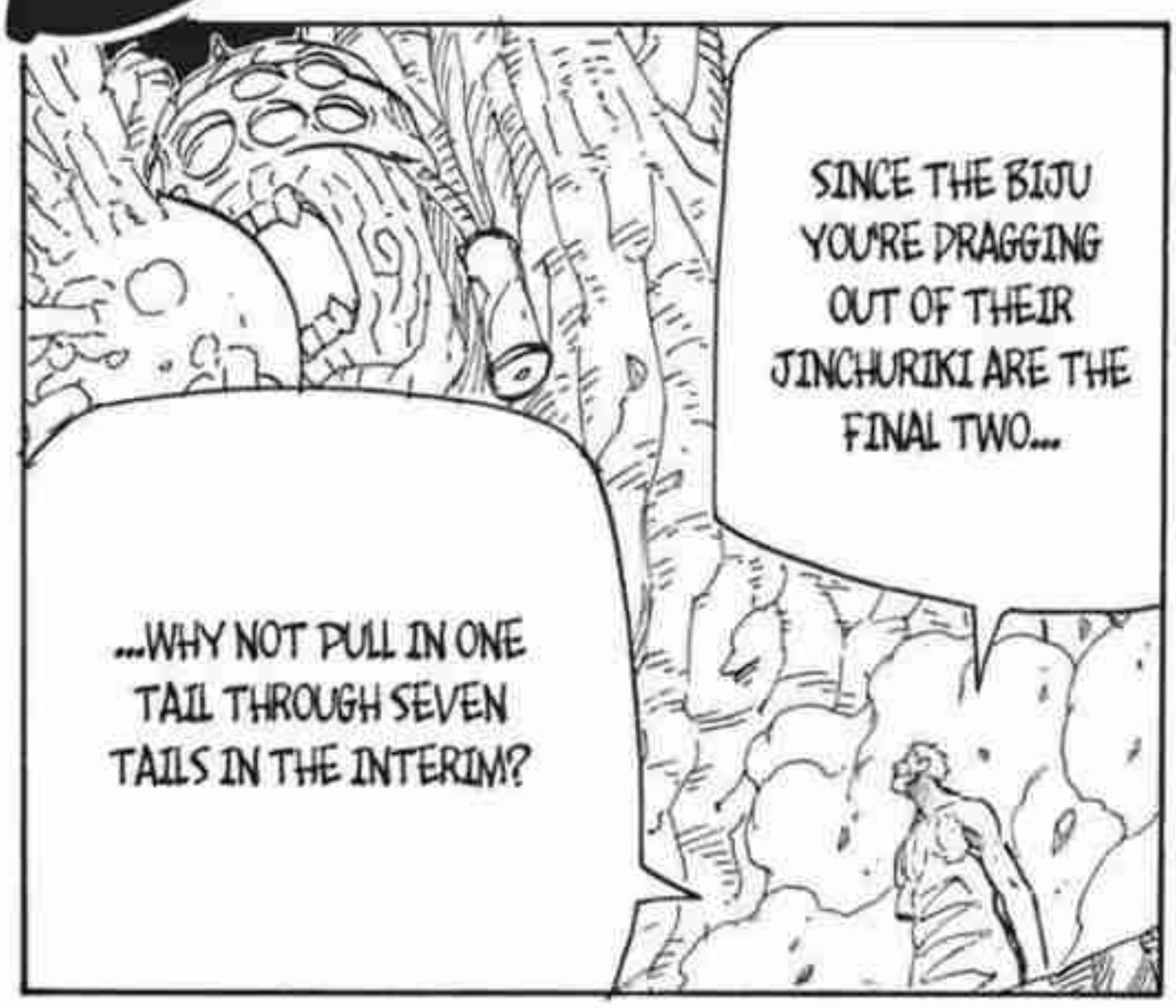

DARN IT!!
SUDDER

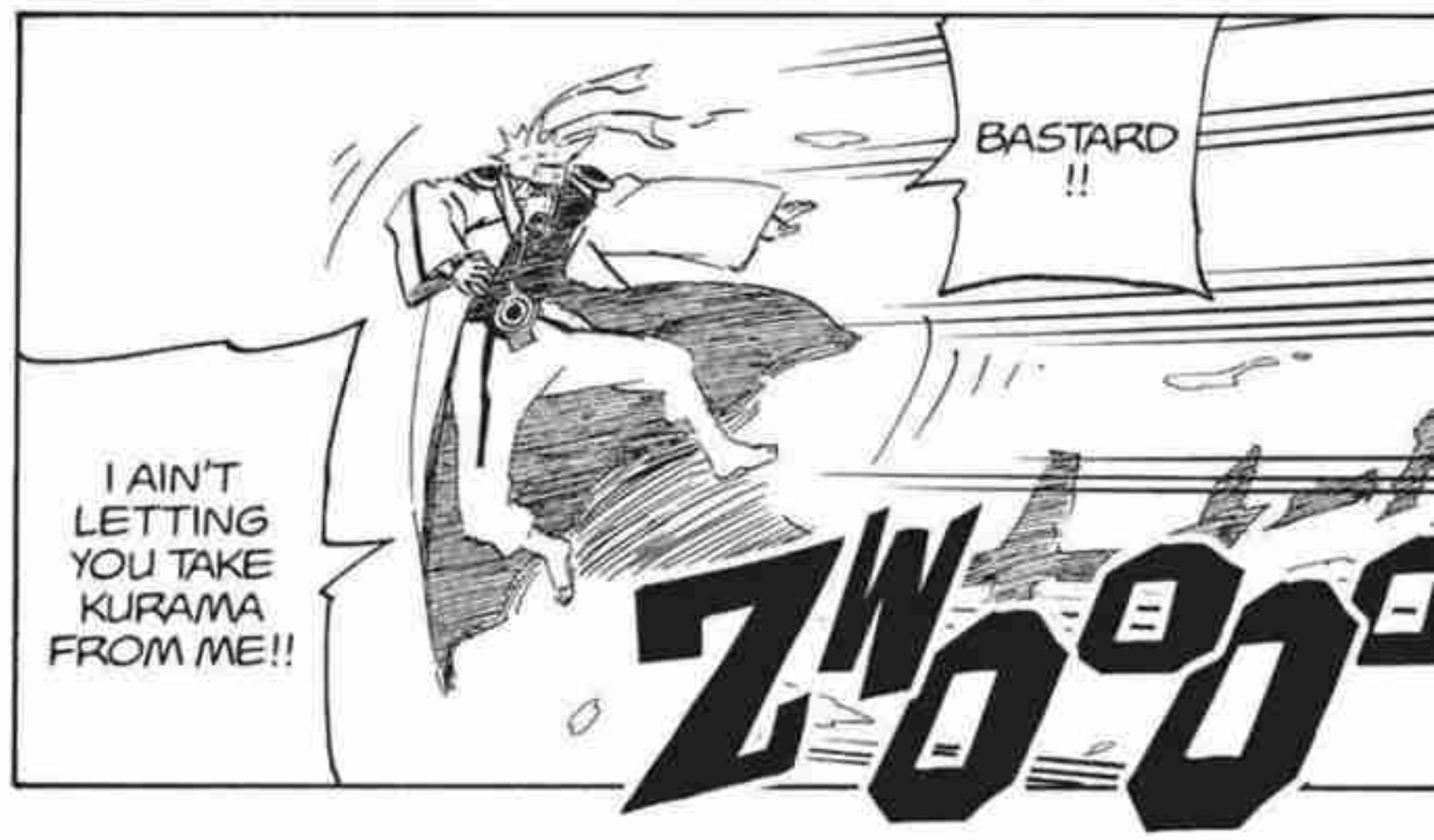
Number 660: One's True Heart
THOOM
?!
KURAMA'S NOT GOING BACK INSIDE ME...!!
IT AIN'T WORKING!
ONCE I'VE GOT THEM, I'M NOT LETTING GO.
IT'S USELESS.
!
THAT'S RIGHT! IF I JUST UNDO THE KURAMA MODE...!!

DAMMIT... I'M BEING PULLED BACKWARDS!!

UGH!!

ZWOOOO





...START WITH THEM.

STRAAAIN

ZWWW

ZWWW

FWIP

DESERT HANDS!!

KLOMP

YOU...

...
...!
...CAN'T HAVE SHUKAKU!!
...AND SLAUGHTER ALL OF YOU HUMANS!!
ONCE YOU FALL ASLEEP, I'LL TAKE OVER YOUR MIND AND BODY...
愛
...
SO YOU BETTER NOT SNOOZE!

BUT... YOU EXIST TO PROTECT MY VILLAGE, DON'T YOU?

YEAH! LOATHE 'EM!!

...HATE HUMANS?

YOU...

HERE'S YOUR MEAL, SHUKAKU!!

YOU HUMANS ARE LESSER THAN US BEASTS!

I'VE NEVER PROTECTED Y'ALL BECAUSE I WANTED TO!

FSH

WHY DO WE HAVE TO STAND GUARD OVER SUCH A WEIRD OLD MONK EVEN THOUGH WE'RE SENIOR SHINOBI?!

I KNOW, BUT TO BE ASSIGNED JINCHURIKI WATCH DUTY IS ACKNOWLEDGE-MENT OF ONE'S STRENGTH... STOP GRIPING AND DEAL WITH IT.

SINCE **YOU** KNOW MY TRUE NAME.

I DON'T REALLY MIND.

POOR DAMN MONK... THEY DON'T EVEN CALL YOU BY YOUR NAME ANYMORE...

...SINCE I'M A JINCHURIKI...

WELL, I'D DIE THE MOMENT I'M SEPARATED FROM YOU...

CAGED UP TOGETHER WITH A MAN-HATING BEAST WHO'S BEEN WITH YOU EVER SINCE YOU WERE BORN?

YOU MAY BE A MONK, BUT DON'T YOU EVER GET LONELY PUTTING UP WITH HUMANS WHO HATE YOU... AND A BEAST LIKE ME?

...!

THERE AIN'T EVER GONNA BE ANOTHER HUMAN LIKE YOU AGAIN.

I GOTTA SAY, YOU'RE AN ODD DAMN GEEZER.

NO... I THINK YOU'RE WRONG THERE.

A FRIEND OF THE HEART PROVIDES PEACE OF MIND, NO MATTER THE SPECIES.

BESIDES, THERE'S NO NEED... TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST.

FSH

Y'KNOW... YOU...

...

?

...KINDA REMIND ME OF OLD MAN SAGE OF SIX PATHS...

...BUT FUNDAMENTALLY, ***PEOPLE'S HEARTS*** WISH TO ***CONNECT WITH*** AND ***ACCEPT EACH OTHER.***

HUMAN SOULS ARE LIKE REFLECTING WATER... PEOPLE OFTEN SPEAK OR ACT THE OPPOSITE OF THEIR TRUE FEELINGS...

QUIVV

QUIVV

EVEN WITH BEASTS...

THOSE ARE THE MOST HEARTWARMING WORDS I'VE EVER RECEIVED FROM YOU.

THANK YOU...

DRIBBLE

DRIP

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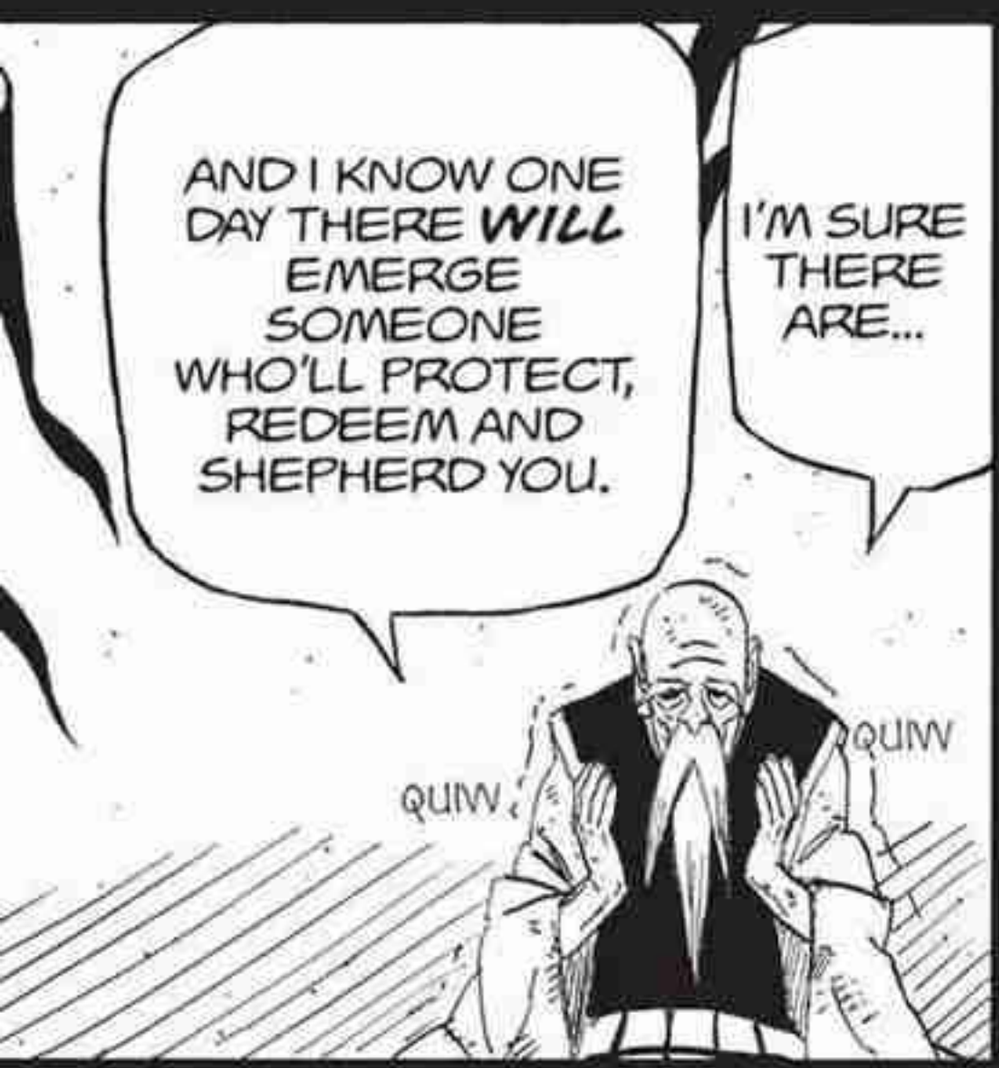
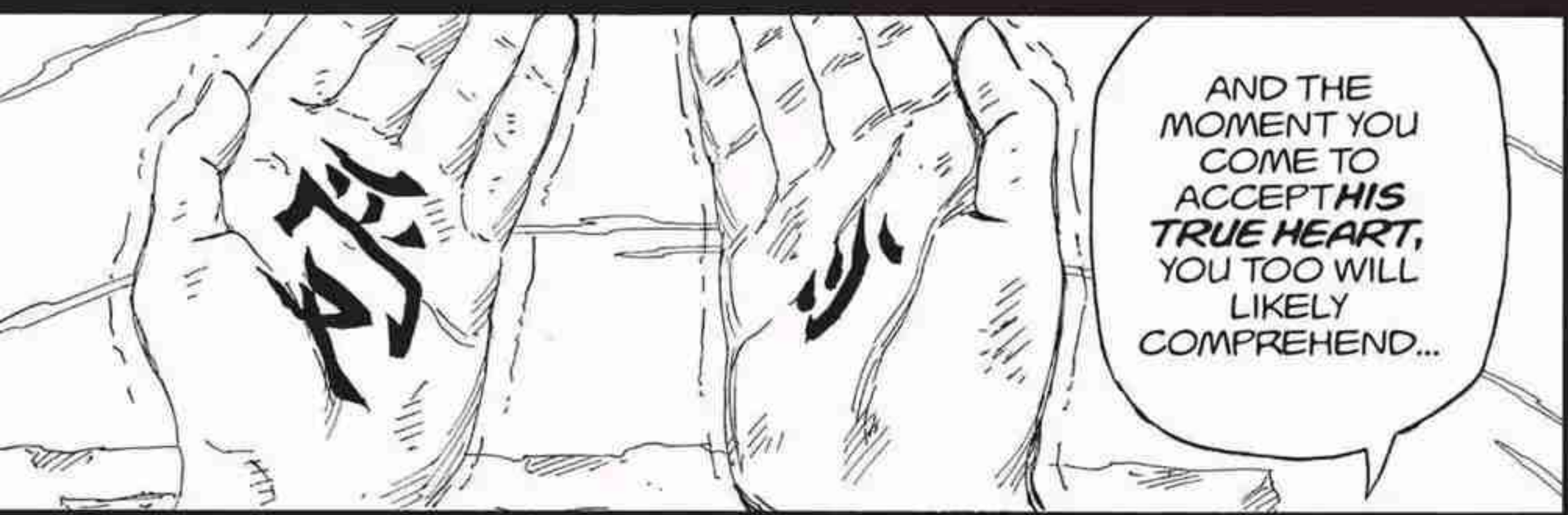
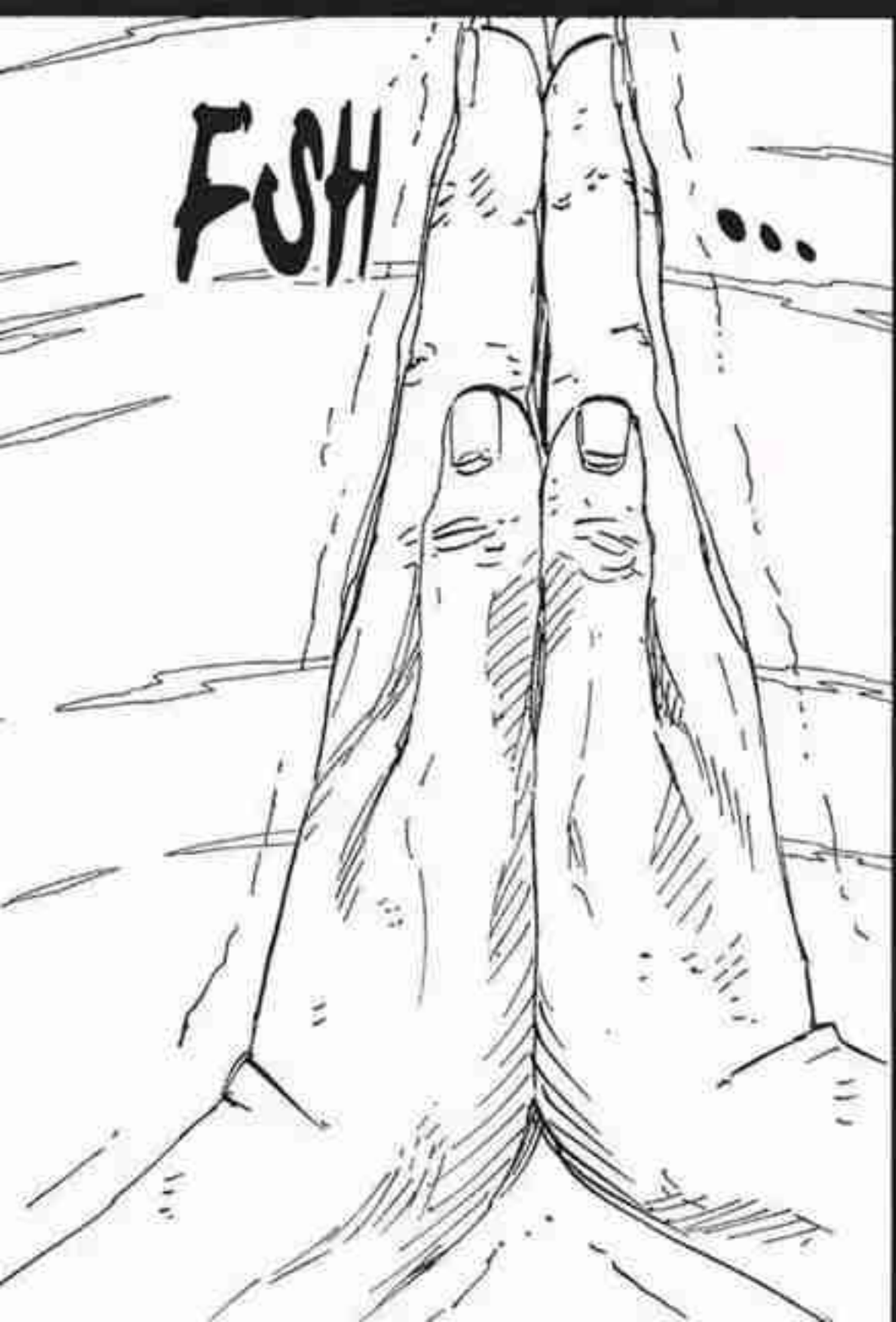
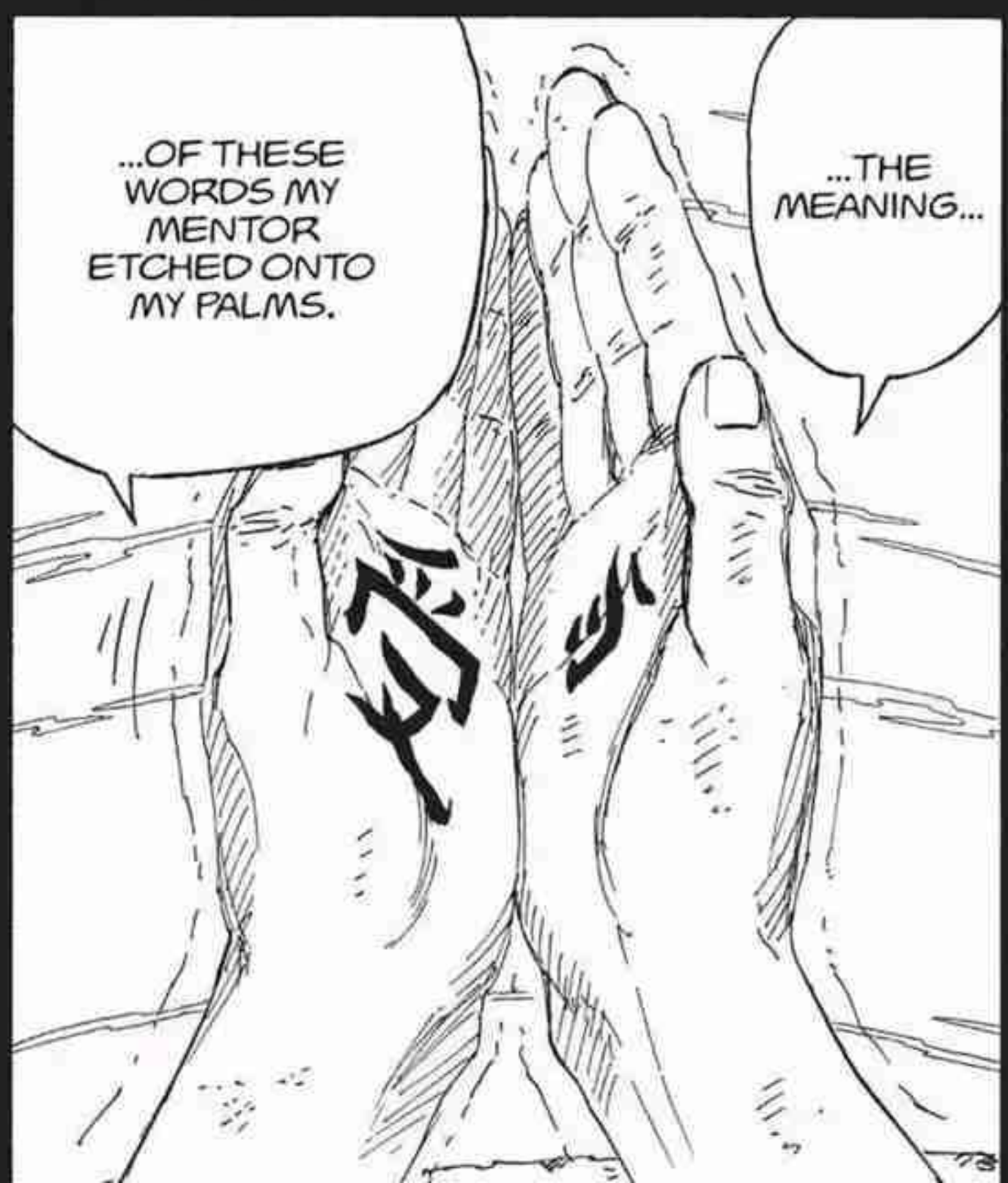




*TEXT: ACCEPTANCE

*TEXT: HEART





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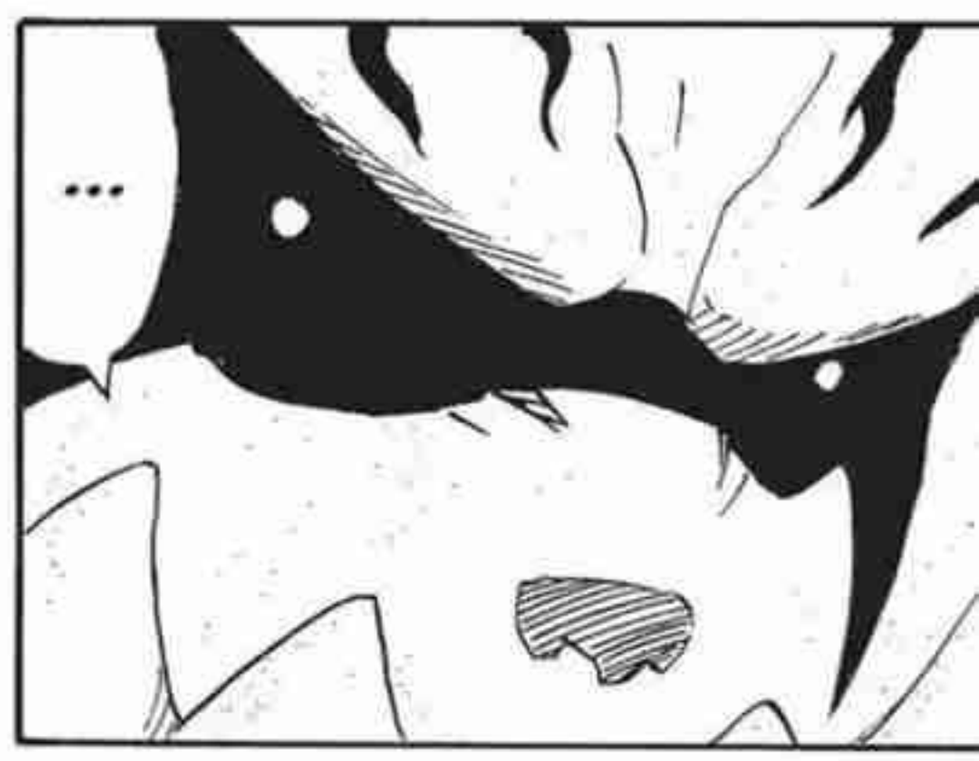
*TEXT: LOVE

UGH...!

DON'T YOU LOSE, GAARA!!

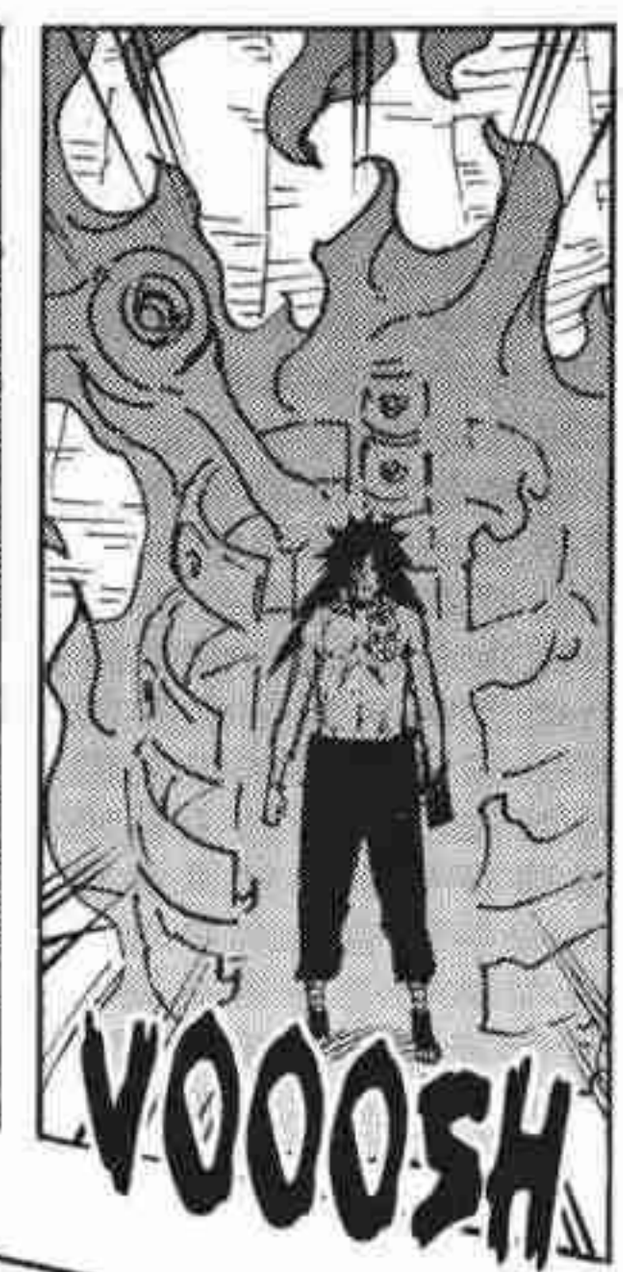

...

I'VE ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOU NOXIOUS.

...

SO THERE'S ONE THING I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR NOW.
BUT IT'S BECAUSE I WAS A JINCHURIKI THAT I GOT TO MEET NARUTO.

FLUSH


VOOOSH

HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE, WHEN YOU'RE NOT EVEN GONNA DIE AS A JINCHURIKI!
SAND BRAT... ARE YOU REALLY THAT HAPPY TO HAVE YOUR OLD PET BACK?

!!

...

MY MOTTO'S "ABSOLUTE DEFENSE"!

I'VE STILL GOT MY PRIDE, AS SHUKAKU!

HSSSSS YOINK

GGH!!

TH K

THUD

GAH!!

WHOOOSH

SO...

I'M NO LONGER A JINCHURIKI.

...

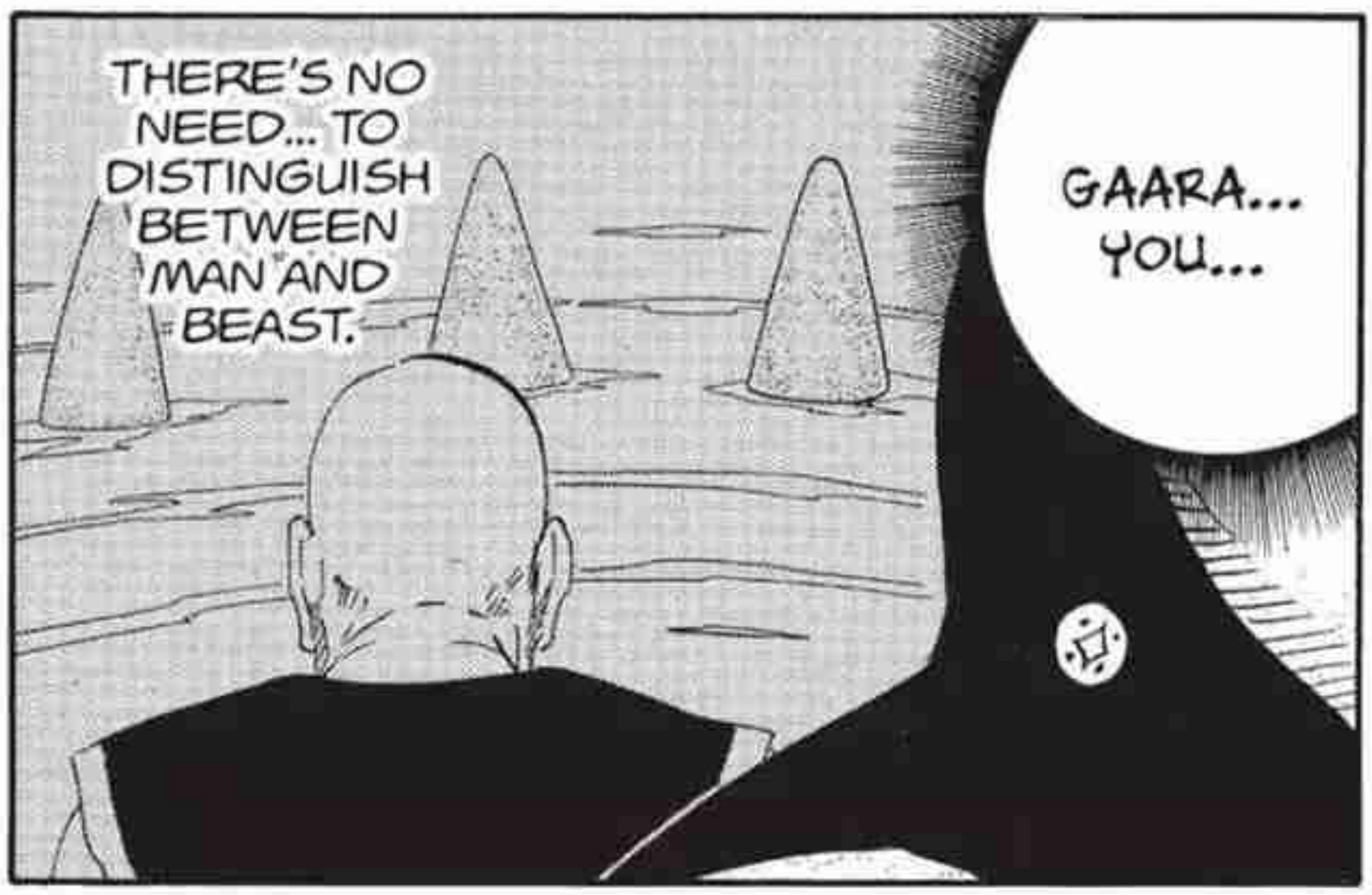
GAARA, DON'T OVERDO IT...

ZWW

...I CAN FINALLY PULL ALL-NIGHTERS WITH YOU AS AN EQUAL!

HUFF

HUFF



YAEW
UGH!
UGH!
JUDDER
SH

STRAIN

BRACE

...

YA GOT THAT... GAARA?!

GOOD...

DO ME A FAVOR!!

HEY, KID! GAARA!!

HFF

HFF

?!

!!

WRENCH...

NARUTO !!

TH-DMP

!!

YO

TWOP

愛

Number 661: A Failed World

愛
HUFF
HUFF

SWOOOOSH
DMP

ZOOS

!

ARGH!
ZWWW

ZWP

SHUKAKU!
愛

OP

ZOOO

THOOO
THOOM
SORRY, BEE!!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, KAZEKAGE BRAT!
THEY WERE ALL SUCKED INTO IT!
NO WAY!
NOP

YOU ARE ALL FLOPS, DUD INVENTIONS OF MINE... ALWAYS FINDING FAULT WITH ME.

HMPH... YOU REALLY ARE A CHATTERBOX.

WELL... THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN EXPECT FROM MY CURRENT STRENGTH.

RRRRUMBLE

THOUGH YOU WERE FASTER THAN OBITO...

A BIT LONGER THAN A FEW SECONDS, EH?

WELL, BLACK ZETSU'S NICKNAME IS WICKED TONGUE, AND WE WHITE ZETSU CALL OURSELVES WAGGING TONGUES, SO, HA HA HA... ♪

...

FOR THE *BASE* IS PRETTY GOOD MATERIAL!

IT SHALL!

THE *OTHER* BATTLE IS GOING WELL?

!
SHF
FLYING RAIJIN SLICE !!
SLICE
SHUKK
!!
WHAP

SNAG
!
SWISH
WSH

THIS IS MY CHANCE!
ZWWW
W
W
HSOOOOOSH
BA-DMP

I SWEAR IT!!

I'M NOT... GOING TO LET YOU DIE!!
BA-BMP...

HO HO...
BUT I'M THE ONE THE HEAVENS ARE SMILING UPON.
LOOK AT YOU, WHO USED TO BOAST THE FASTEST SPEED OF ANY SHINOBI.
MAKING THE BRATS WORK... YOU'RE STILL A DELEGATOR, EH, TOBIRAMA.
IT'S YOUR M.O. TO STRIKE AN OPPONENT JUST WHEN HE'S CONVINCED OF VICTORY.
I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU.

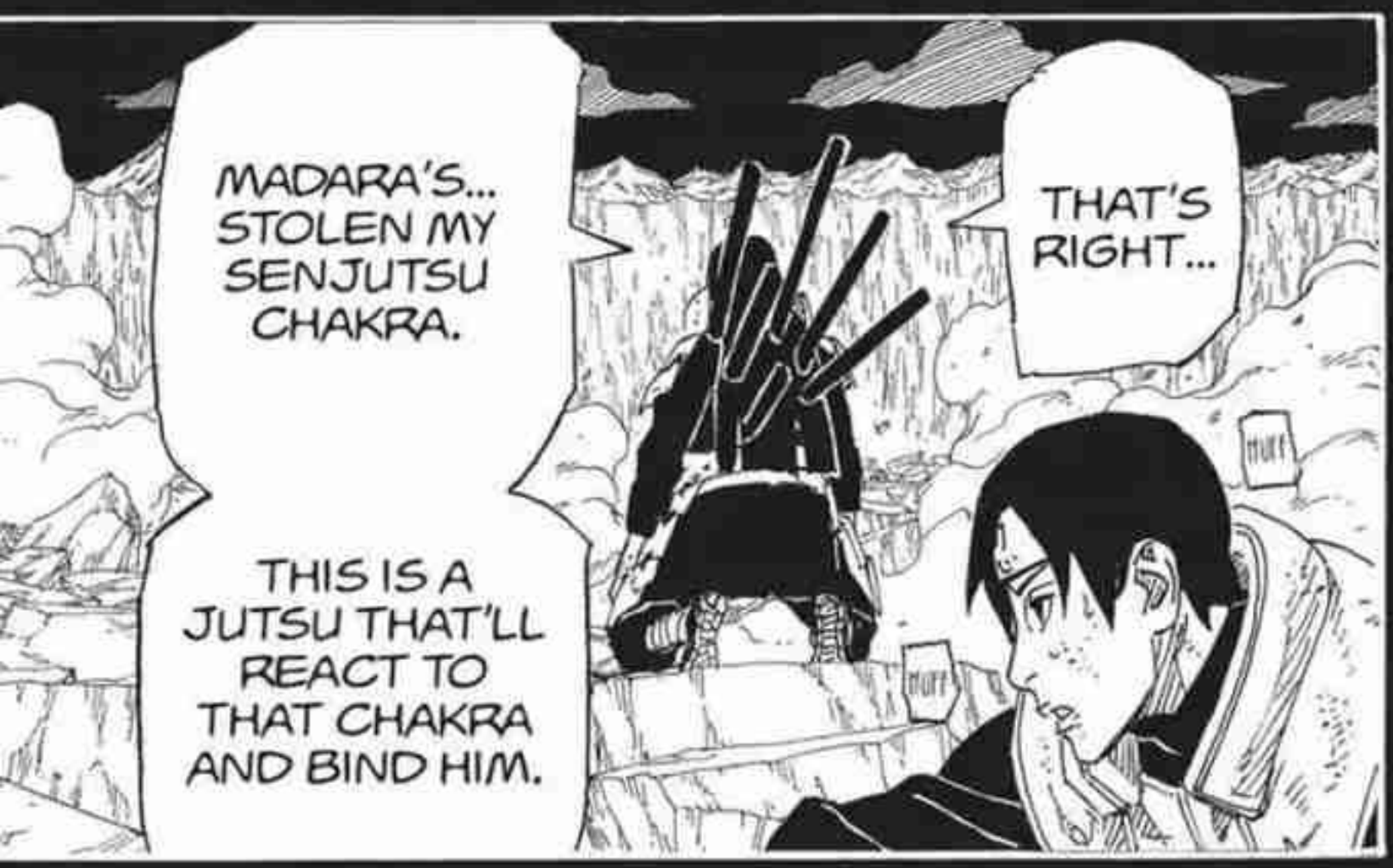
...THOUGH IT'S UNCLEAR WHICH SIDE THEY'LL END UP ON.
AND SOME NEW EYES ARE RIPENING AS WELL...
...
WHETHER COINCIDENCE OR INEVITABLE, I'VE GOT THE EDGE RIGHT NOW.
THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU TWO BROTHERS CAN'T REGAIN YOUR FULL POWER...

FWAP

FWOOOOOSH

...UCHIHA LAD...
!
LET ME... GIVE YOU A JUTSU...

WAIT!

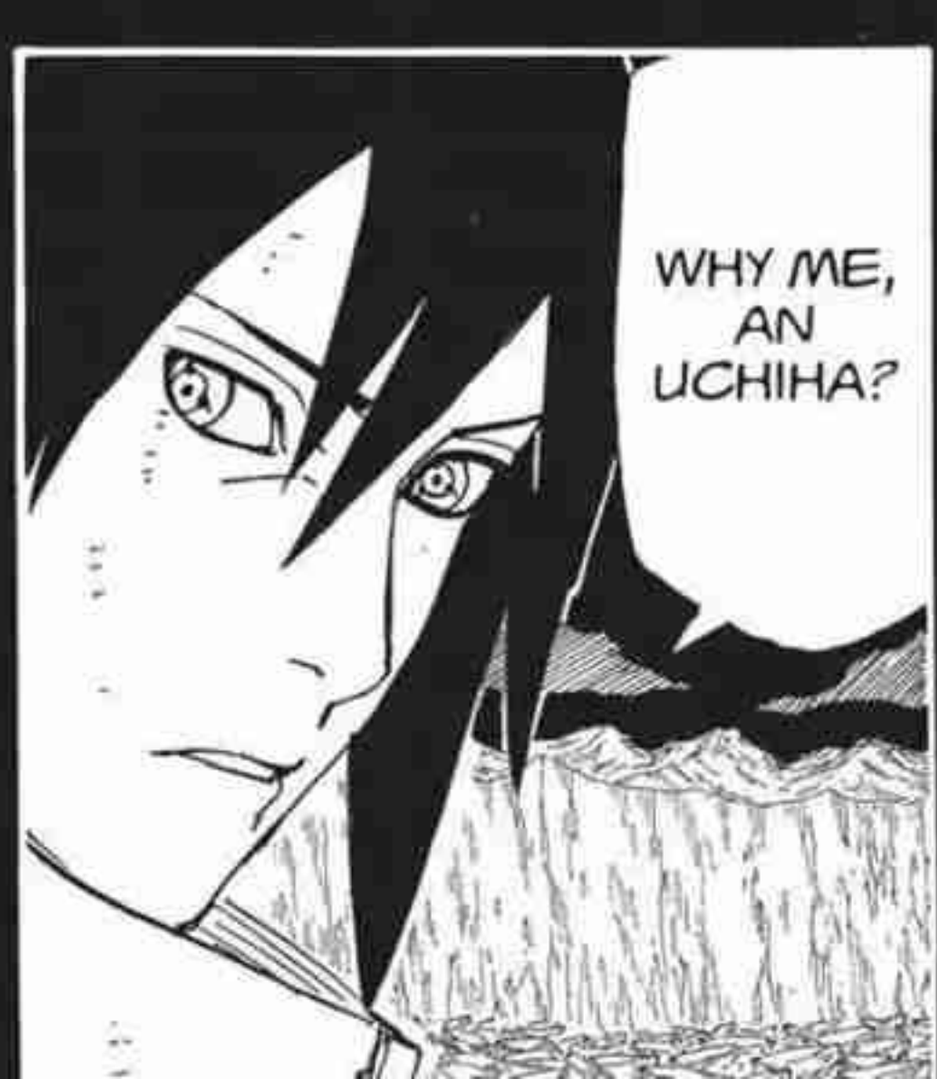

MADARA'S... STOLEN MY SENJUTSU CHAKRA.
THIS IS A JUTSU THAT'LL REACT TO THAT CHAKRA AND BIND HIM.
THAT'S RIGHT...

A JUTSU?

...SO STOP MADARA.
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL OF MY REMAINING CHAKRA...

I COULD EVEN YANK OUT THOSE THINGS IN YOUR BACK FOR YOU.
THEN USE IT YOURSELF. YOU'RE EDOTENSEI— YOU'LL RECOVER RIGHT AWAY.
I THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA FOR YOU TO TOUCH THEM.
THESE RODS SEEM TO BE PIERCING PRESSURE POINTS AND PREVENTING ME FROM KNEADING MORE CHAKRA.

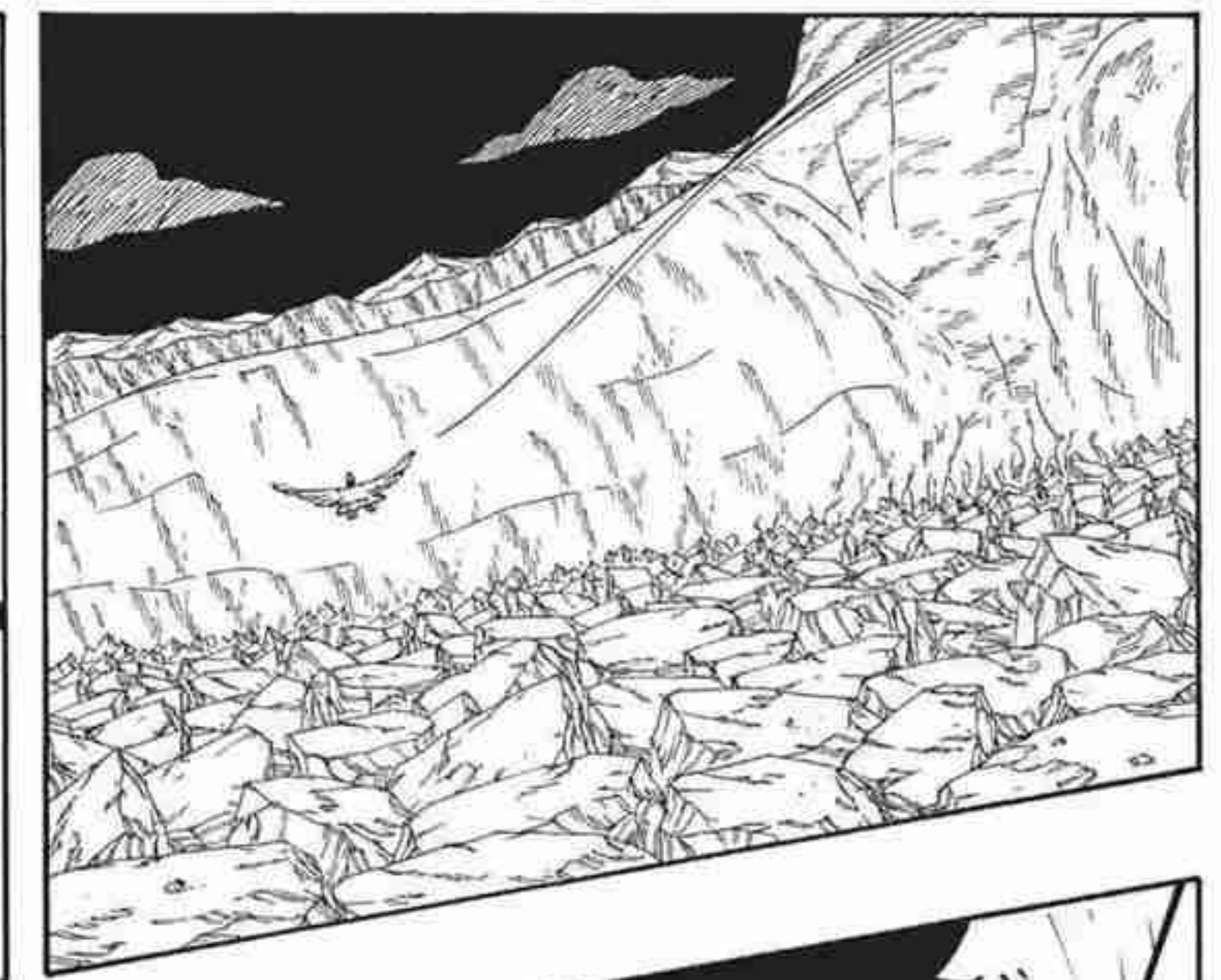
... MADARA'S ...
...YOU'RE A LOT LIKE...


WHY ME, AN UCHIHA?

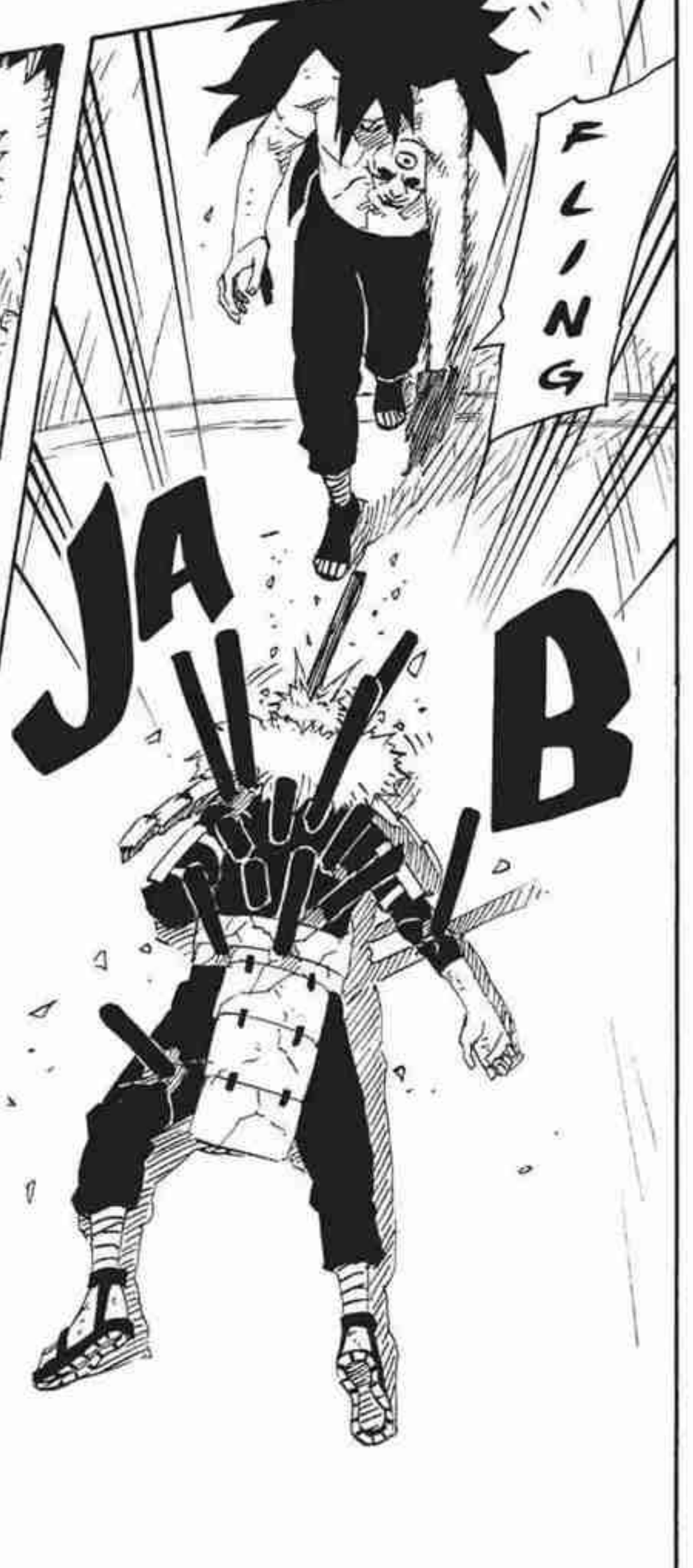
...

...LITTLE BROTHER, UCHIHA IZUNA.

SNAP
SHUP



TO BE HONEST, I'VE LONG WANTED TO DO THIS TO YOU...
SHUP


FLING
JAB

...SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED IZUNA.

THOUGH MAIMING A MOVING CORPSE IS HARDLY FULFILLING.
KRK
KRK
KRK

BUT ***THIS*** WORLD IS THAT OF THE FAILED PREDECESSOR.

I'M JUST COMPLETING HASHIRAMA'S UNFINISHED NATION BUILDING.

WHAT DO YOU SEEK SO BADLY, EVEN COMING BACK TO LIFE?

OUR ERA, OUR TIME, CAME TO AN END LONG AGO!

AND IT'S A CURE?

SO THIS INFINITE TSUKUYOMI WAS ***YOUR*** IDEA?

...

DRASTIC MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO SAVE THE DYING PATIENT.

I'M GOING ON AHEAD!

ZWW

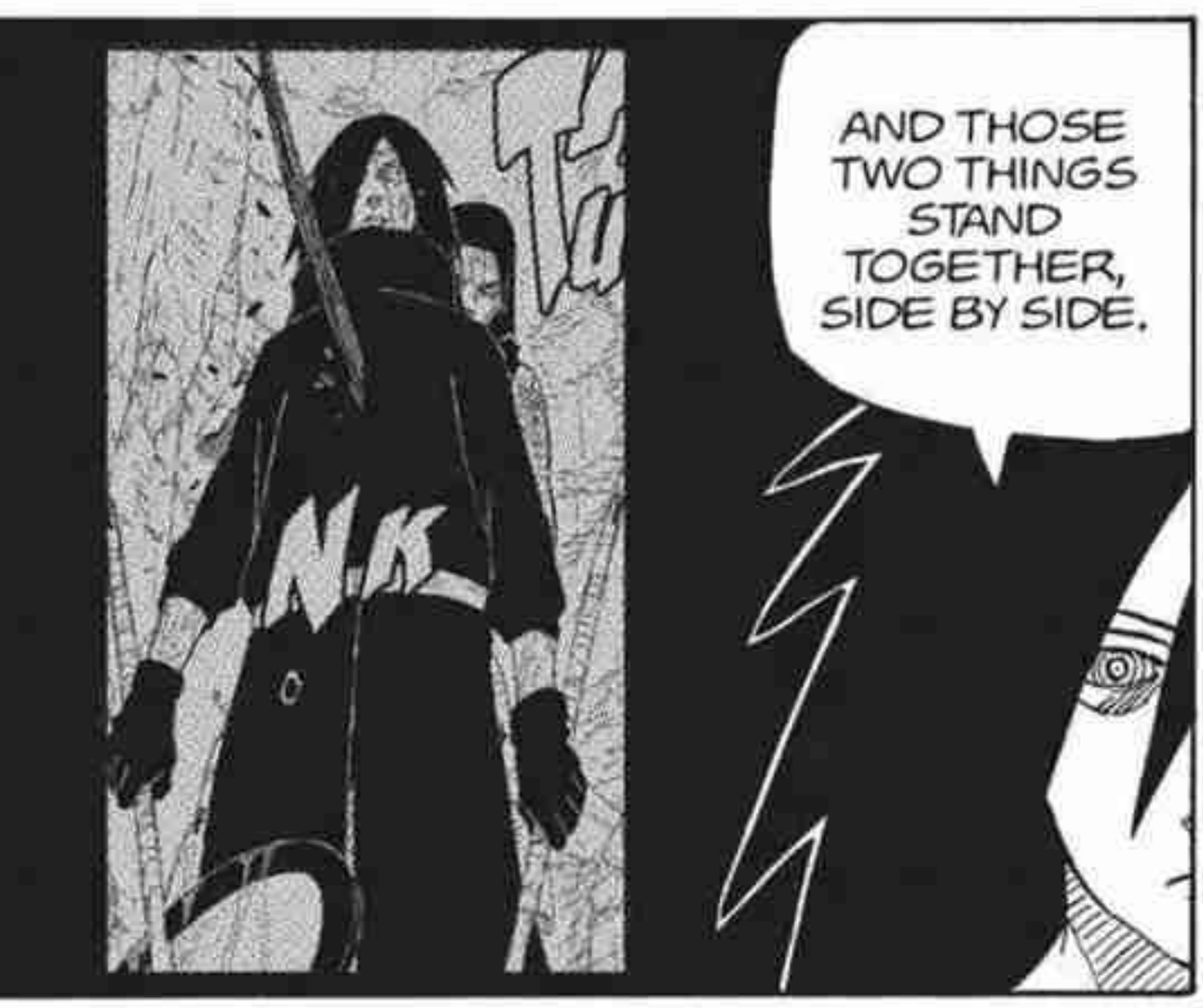
WW

...AND YET, ON THE OTHER HAND, CRAVE CONFLICT AS WELL.

PEOPLE DESIRE PEACE...

THAT'S RIGHT.

HASHIRAMA'S NATION BUILDING BORE A PARADOX.


AND THOSE TWO THINGS STAND TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE.

TO WANT ONLY PEACE AND DISCARD ONLY CONFLICT WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STOP BEING PEOPLE.
THAT DUALITY IS MANKIND FOR YOU.

PEOPLE WILL SACRIFICE SOMETHING IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOMETHING ELSE.
I SHALL NOT TOLERATE ANYONE WHO SEEKS TO HARM THE VILLAGE, BE THEY FRIEND, BROTHER...
...OR EVEN MY VERY OWN CHILD.

...IT'S NOT A DREAM FOR YOU TO MEDDLE WITH!!

EXCEPT IN A TRUE DREAM WORLD.

HOW-EVER...
...
YOU'VE GOT A POINT.

WHO OFF
THK-
THK

THK

NOW!!

?!!
QUIVV
QUIVV
QUIVV
YOU COULD SAY THAT THIS WORLD IS HASHIRAMA'S PARADOX WORLD.

BE THEY FRIEND, BROTHER... OR EVEN MY VERY OWN CHILD.
FSH...

STOP, MADARA! DON'T YOU--

KLAK
IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOMETHING... SOMETHING ELSE GETS SACRIFICED.

THE HECK IS THIS?!
GAH!

...I GAVE YOU PLENTY ENOUGH TIME.
HOW UNFORTU-NATE.
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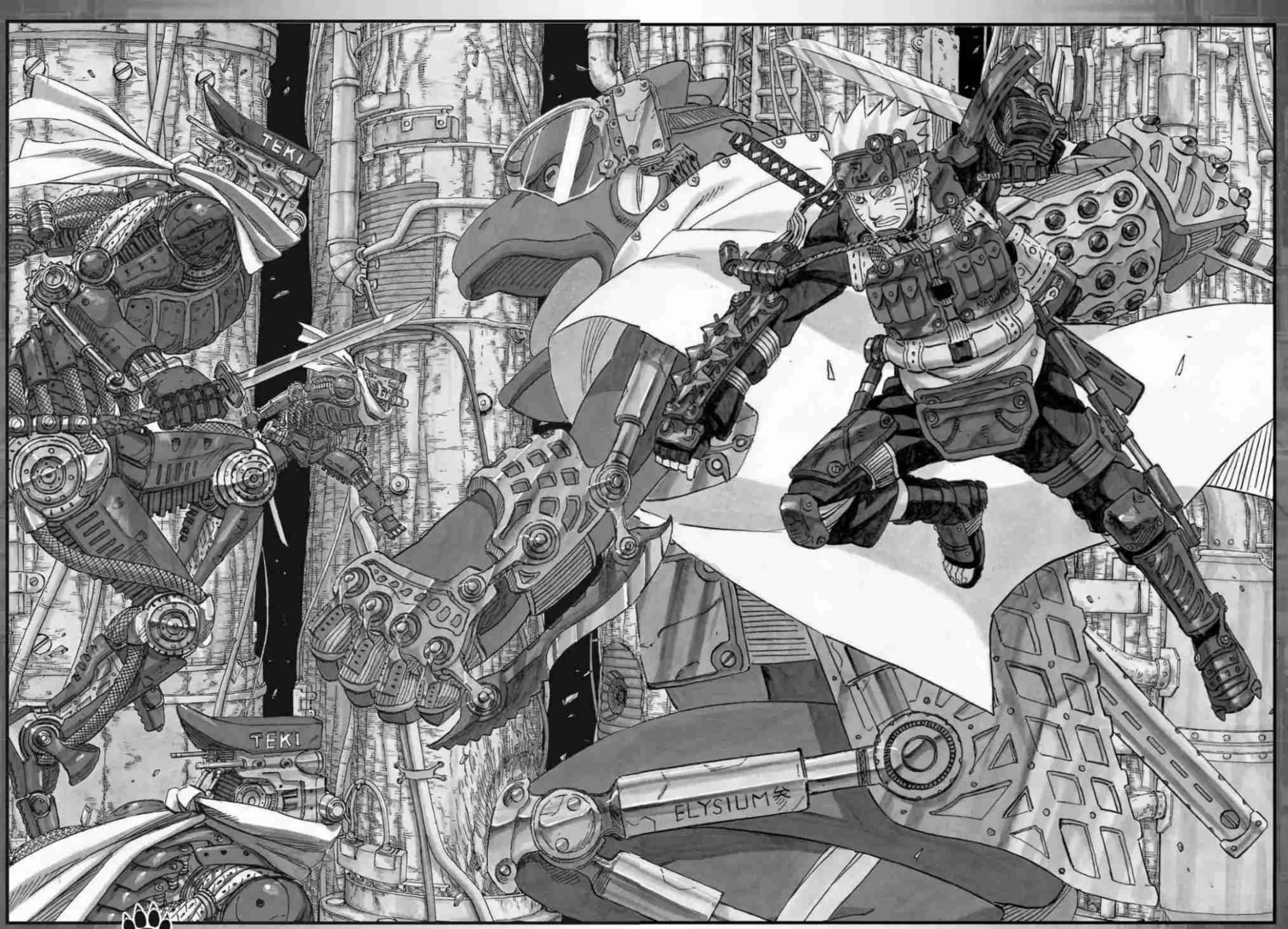
Number 662: A True Ending



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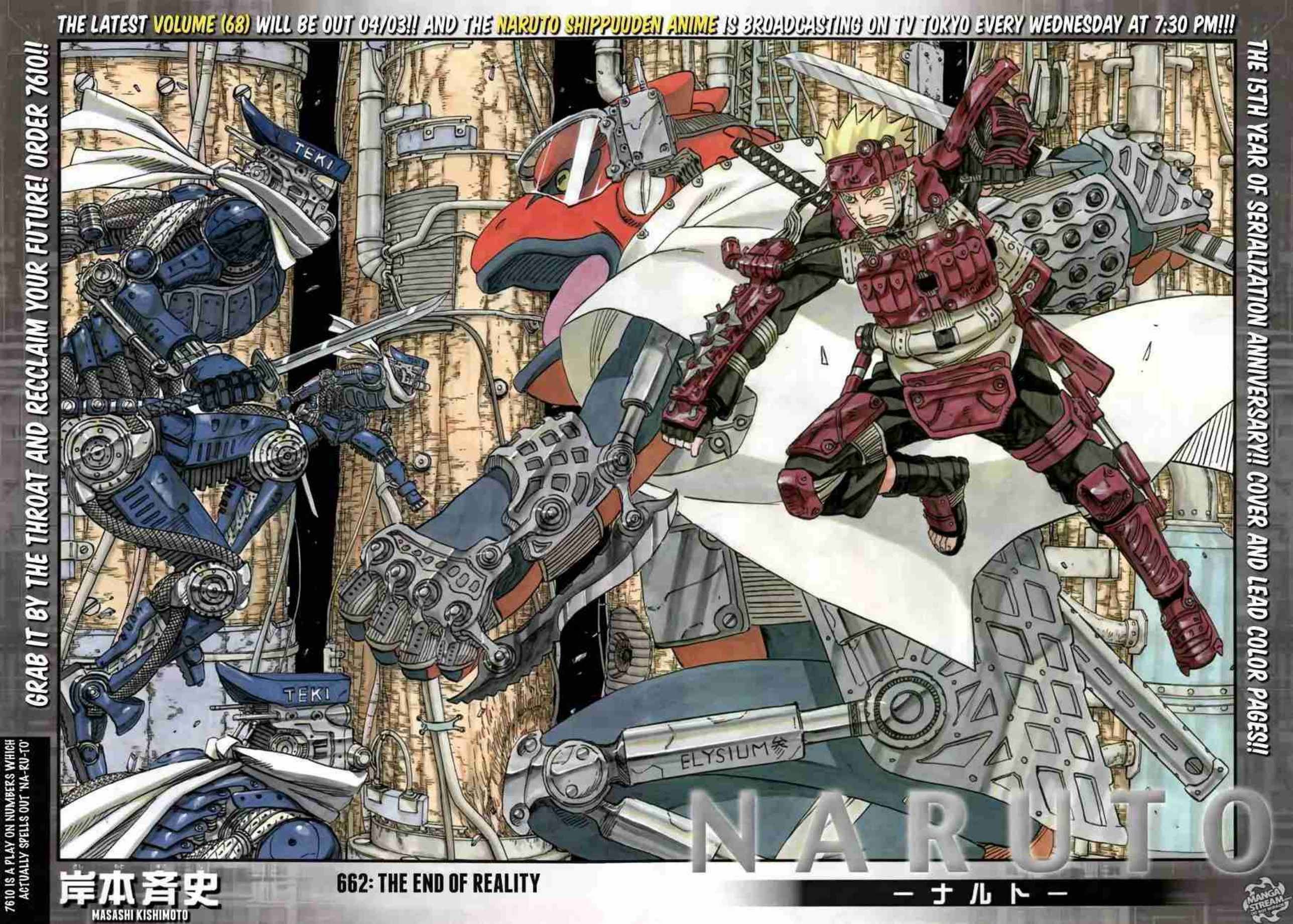
THE LATEST VOLUME (68) WILL BE OUT 04/03!! AND THE NARUTO SHIPPUUDEN ANIME IS BROADCASTING ON TV TOKYO EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM!!!

GRAB IT BY THE THROAT AND RECCLAIM YOUR FUTURE! ORDER 7610!!

THE 15TH YEAR OF SERIALIZATION ANNIVERSARY!! COVER AND LEAD COLOR PAGES!!



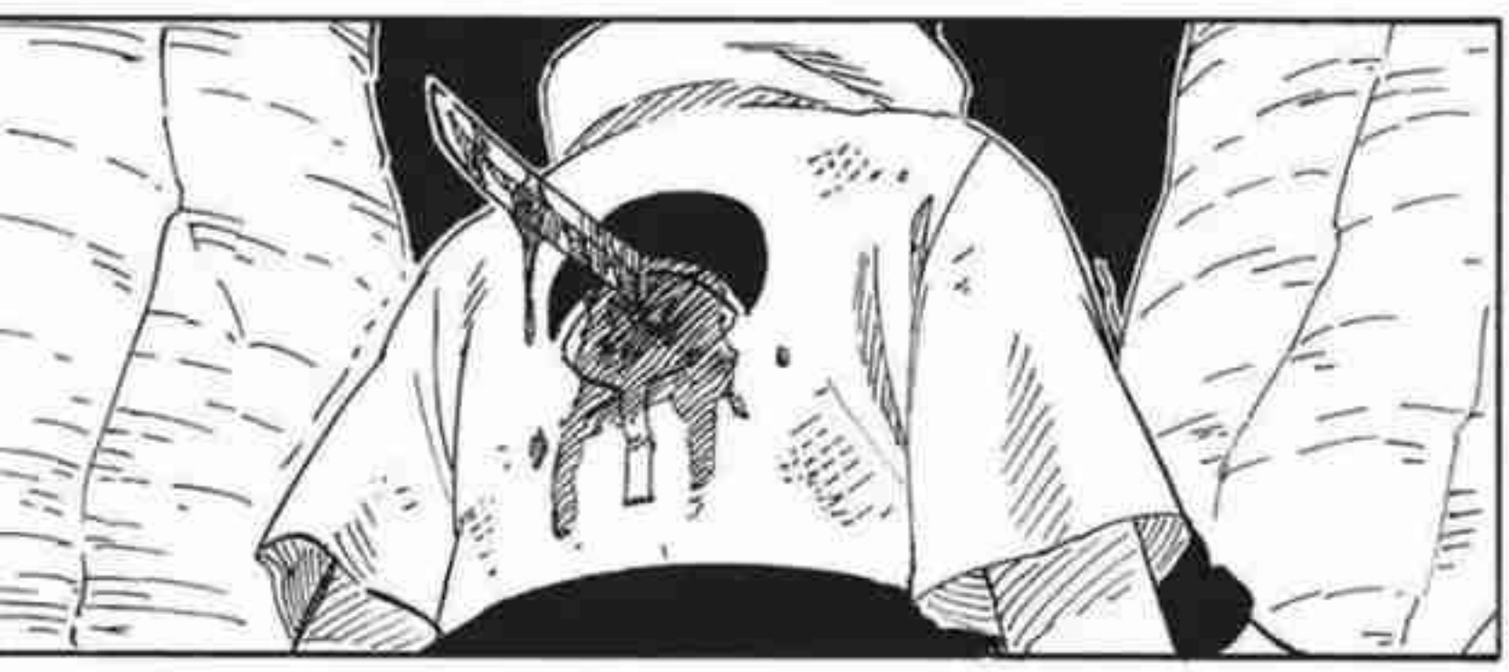
7610 IS A PLAY ON NUMBERS WHICH ACTUALLY SPELLS OUT 'NA-RU-TO'

岸本斉史
MASASHI KISHIMOTO

662: THE END OF REALITY

NARUTO

FWOOOSH



MADARA... YOU BASTARD!

KOFF

GGGG

HERE IT COMES AGAIN!!

HMPH!

KRAK

BAM

BAM

BAM

UNNH!

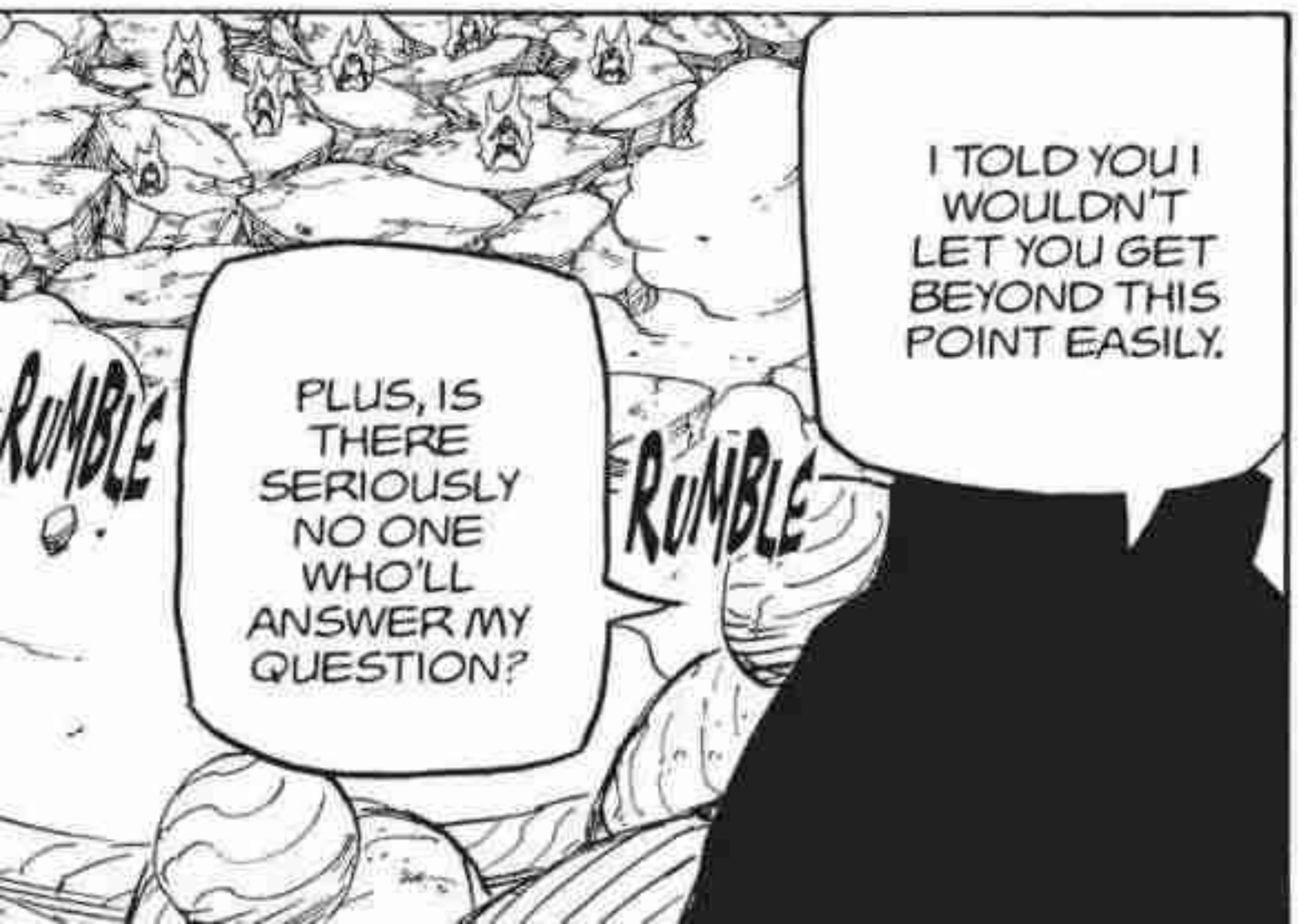
ARGH!

BAM

SK
!
AIEE!!

THOK
GGH!

I'M... OUT OF CHAKRA...
UGH... CAN'T ACTIVATE ANY JUTSU...!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN STOPPED BY THE LIKES OF *HIM*...
HACK
HUF


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
PLUS, IS THERE SERIOUSLY NO ONE WHO'LL ANSWER MY QUESTION?
I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T LET YOU GET BEYOND THIS POINT EASILY.

HE USES MOKUTON... WHO *IS* HE?
THIS WEIRDO... HE'S STILL BLOCKING OUR WAY...

ROAR
GLOMP-GLOMP
GUSH
BZ ZAP
BLAZE
KAYOOSH

ROAR
GLOMP-GLOMP
GUSH
BZAP
BLAZE

I ASKED YOU, WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO POO?!
GLUB GLUB
KRAK
FLARD
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK

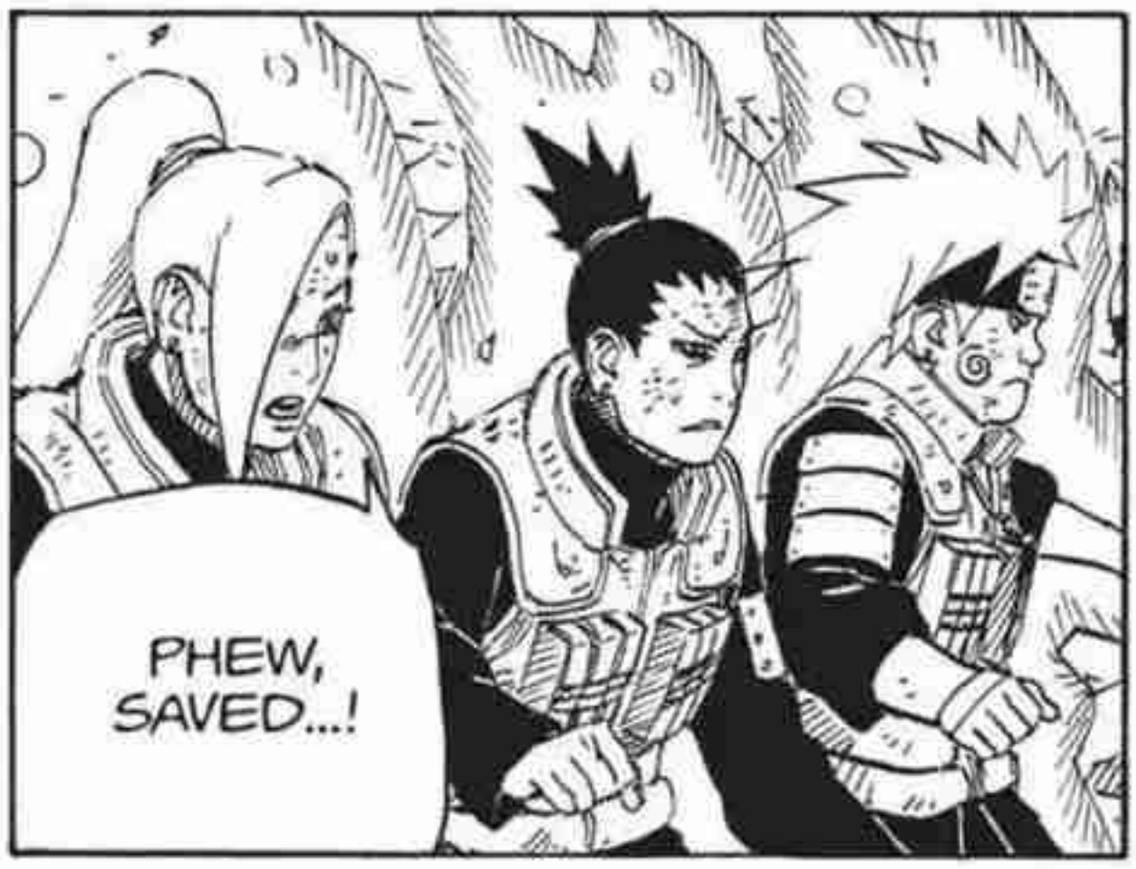
HOW DO WE COUNTER THAT?!
THAT'S FIVE NATURES ALL AT ONCE!

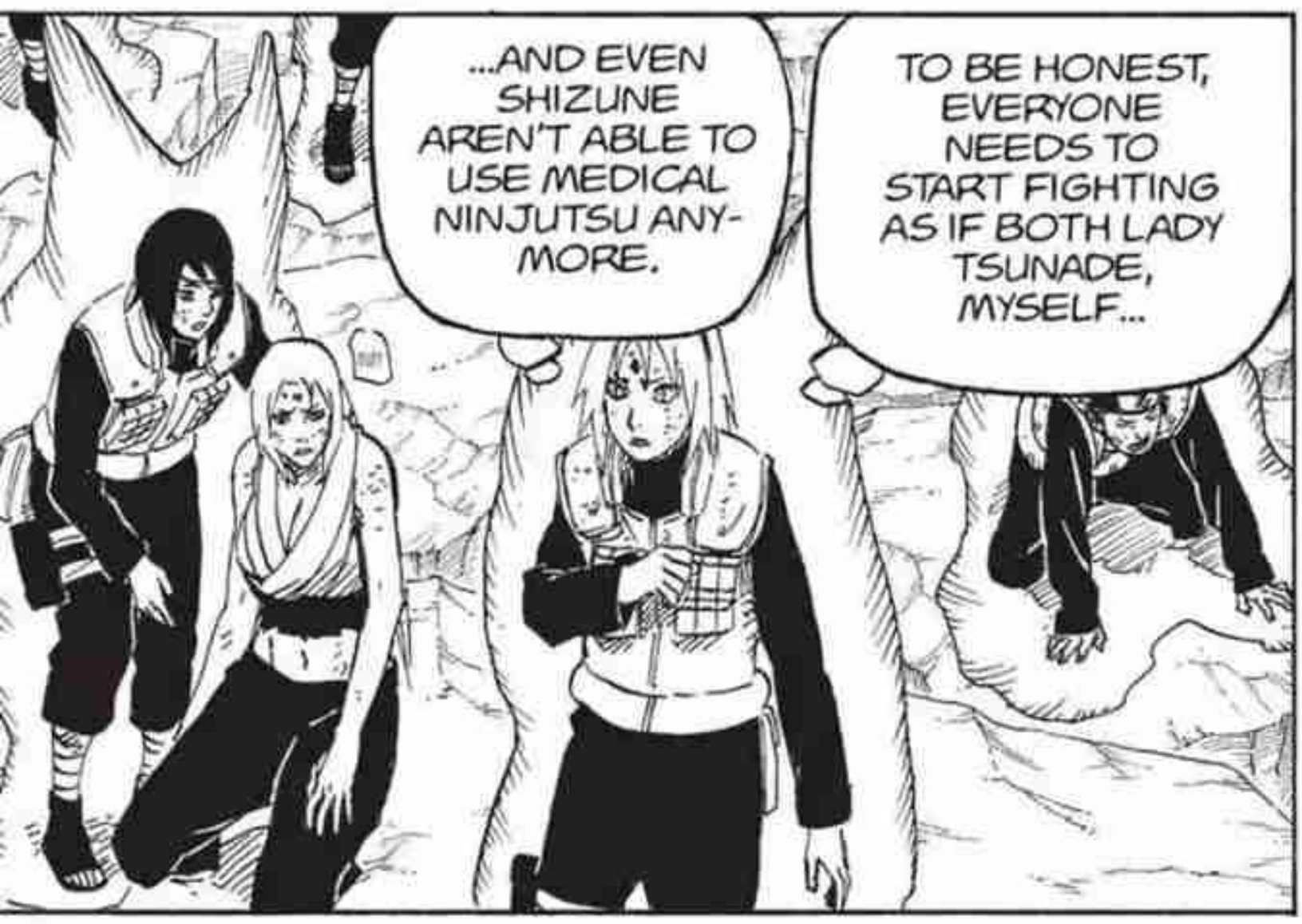
I SEE THAT!

I BET IT'S LIKE THE REFRESHING FEELING YOU GET AFTER KILLING SOMEONE...
WELL ...

RUMBLE-RUMBLE-RUMBLE

FIZZZ BZZZ VOOSH




...AND EVEN SHIZUNE AREN'T ABLE TO USE MEDICAL NINJUTSU ANY-MORE.
TO BE HONEST, EVERYONE NEEDS TO START FIGHTING AS IF BOTH LADY TSUNADE, MYSELF...

FORGET MADARA... WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...
IF THIRD GOES DOWN, WE'RE TOAST...

RUMBLE
NOT YET...
RUMBLE
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, LORD OROCHI-MARU!

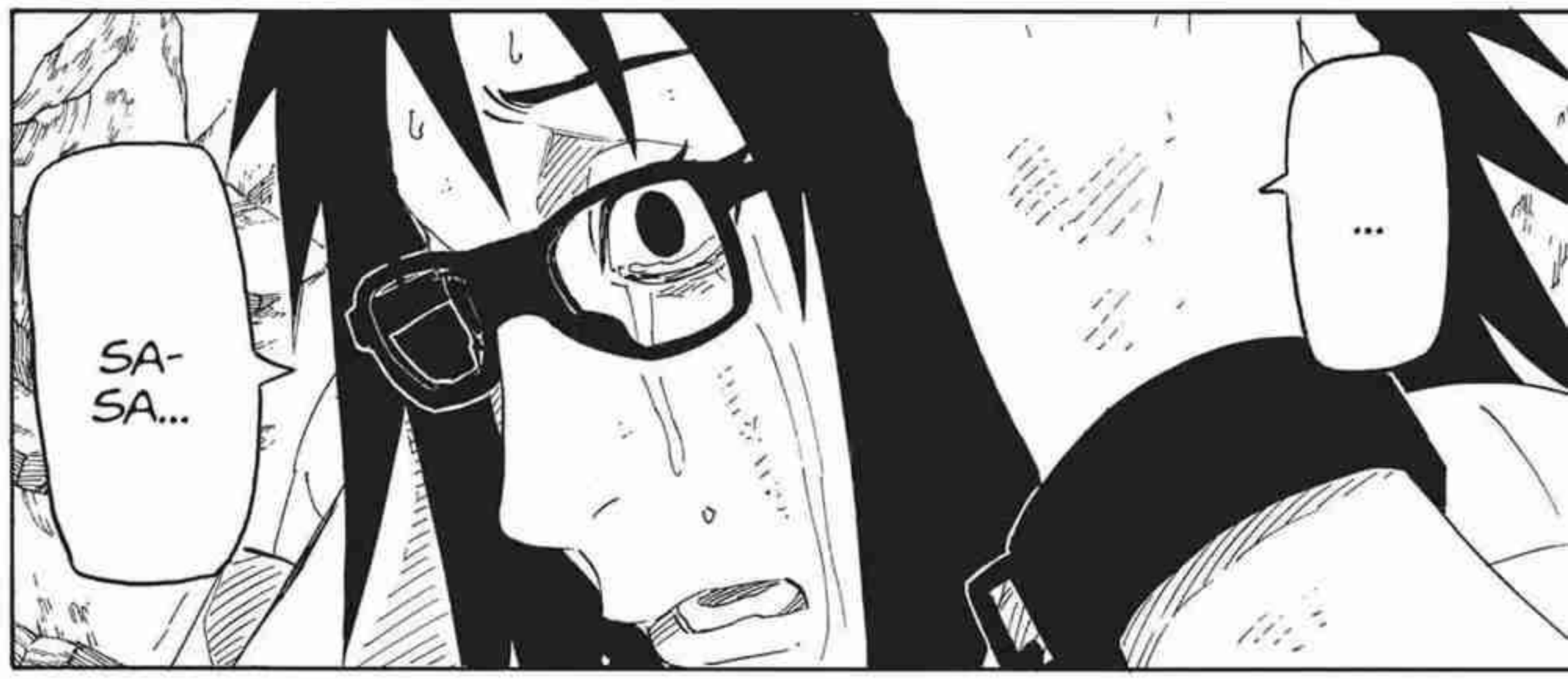
AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO REGROUP.
WE'VE BEEN USING BIG ATTACKS TOO LONG!
THUMP THUMP
HUFF
HACK

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MADARA TO NARUTO BOY...

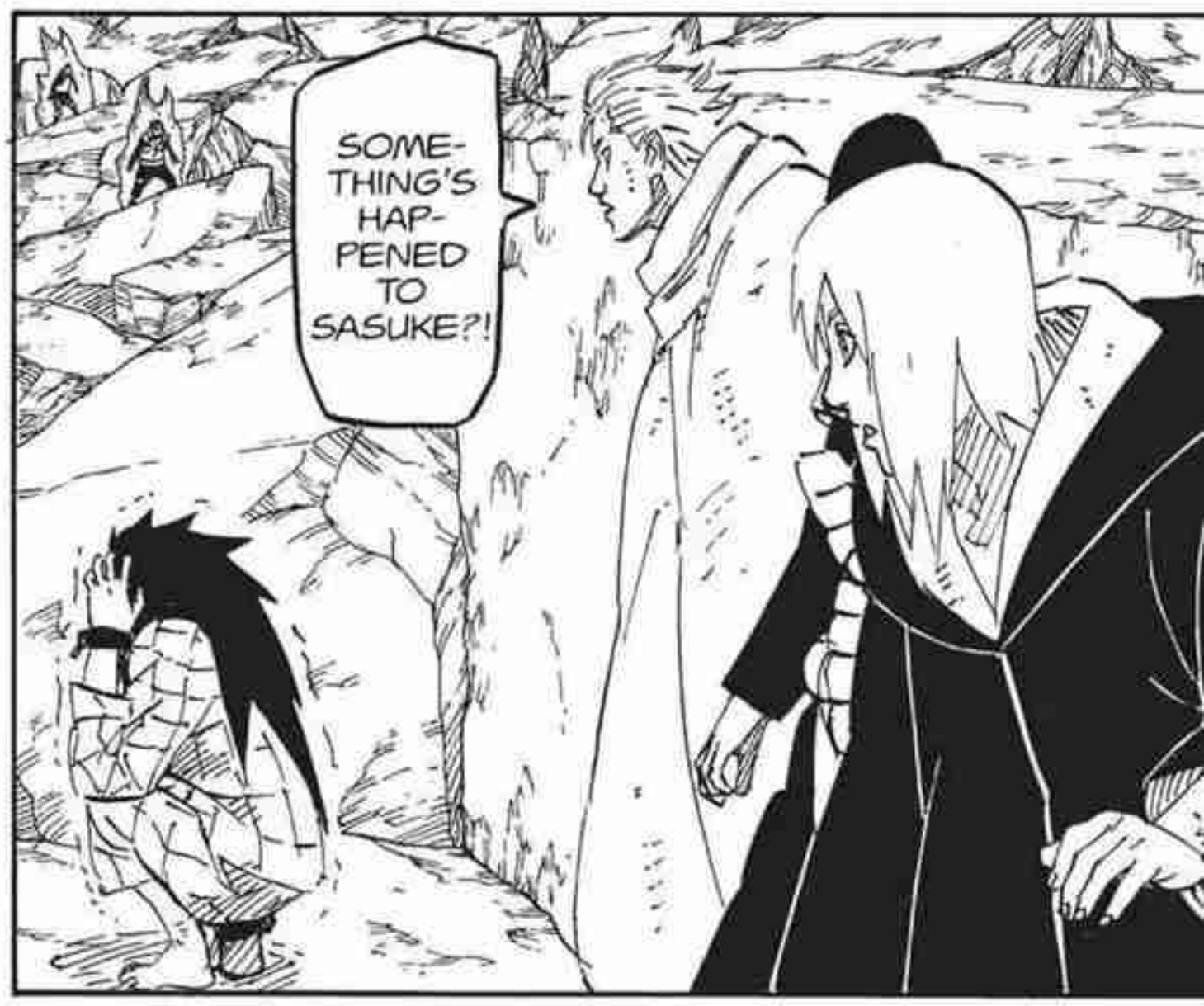
...

THIS ENEMY...
...

WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE KIDDING! IT CAN'T BE!!
N-NO WAY...!
SHUT UP!
SHH--!


SA-SA...
...

SEEMS I SHOULD JUMP IN SOONER THAN LATER, AFTER ALL...


SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO SASUKE?!

HUH?
HUF
HUF

WHAT IS IT, INO?
!
TWITCH

HUF
HUF
NA-RUTO ....!
!
SNIFF SNIFF

SWOO
IT'S LORD GAARA!
SH
WHAT THE ?!

!

TAT

OVER THERE!
愛

I NEED YOU TO HEAL NARUTO EVEN A LITTLE WHILE WE'RE EN ROUTE!

HOKAGE! COME WITH US!

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!

NARUTO!!

DASH

WHAT HAPPENED OVER THERE?!

WHY'S NARUTO IN SUCH BAD SHAPE?!

TAKE SAKURA ALONG... SAKURA SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP SOME.

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CHAKRA LEFT TO PERFORM MEDICAL NINJUTSU.

I'LL TELL YOU LATER!

JUST COME! DON'T DILLY-DALLY!

GET UP ON THE SAND, SAKURA!

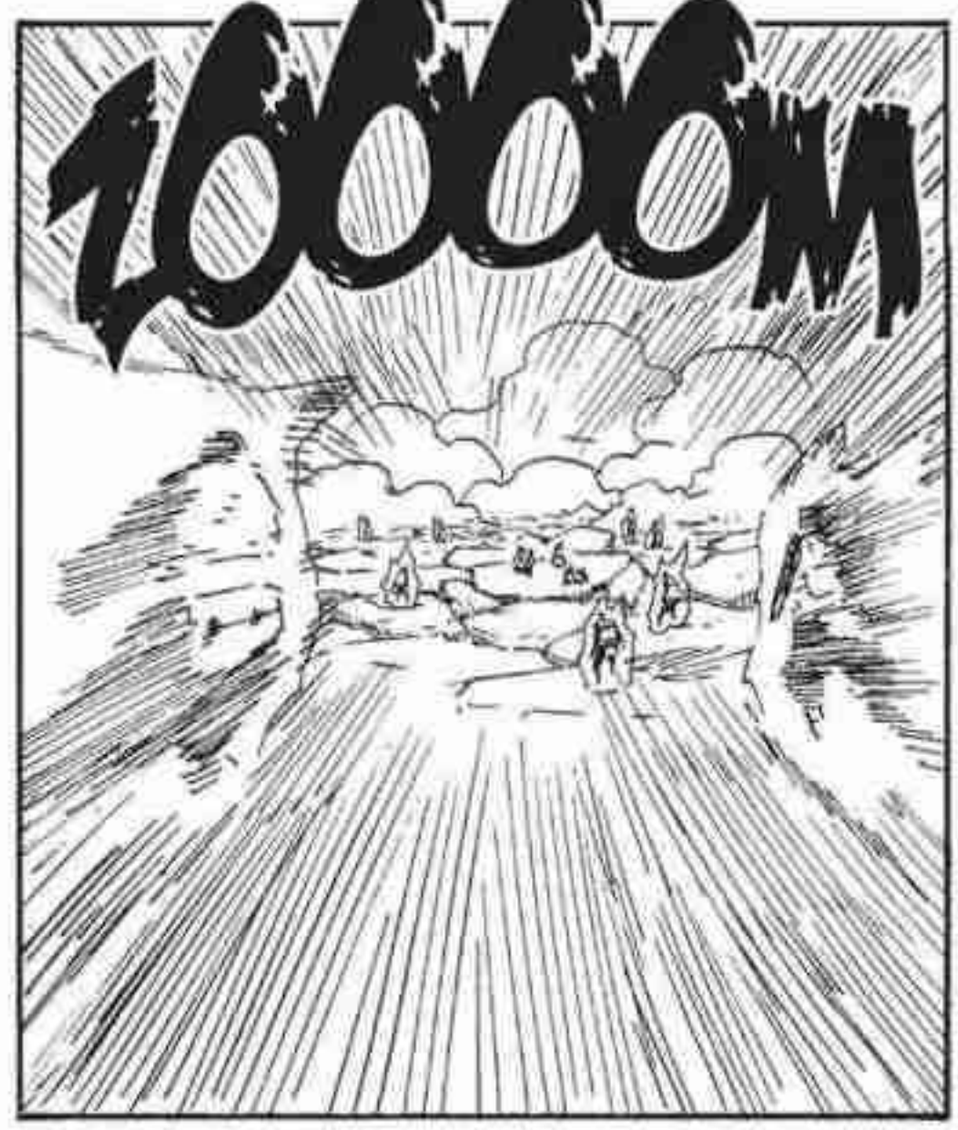
OH MY...

...
PLINKK

USE YOUR BYAKU-GAN!
YEAH! THAT WAY!
HE TOOK MADARA DOWN?

...NARUTO'S NEARBY?

?!!


LOOOOM

DASH

BA-DMP...
BA-DMP...
...GETTING WEAKER...!

NARUTO'S HEARTBEAT, IT'S...
BA-DMP...

WHUMP
KLAK
YOU OKAY?!

HUFF
HUFF

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
NARUTO!!

BROTHER NEJI... PLEASE PROTECT NARUTO!!

THAT'S AN ABSOLUTE RULE!
A JINCHURIKI WHOSE BIJU'S BEEN EXTRACTED DIES...
...BUT TRYING TO HEAL HIM IS USELESS.
ZWOOO...

!
UZUMAKI NARUTO... HE'LL PROBABLY STUBBORNLY CLING TO LIFE FOR A BIT, SINCE HE'S AN UZUMAKI...
ZWWW...

RUMBLE

BOOF

...YOU'VE CONTINUED TO SEEK SOMETHING DESPITE MANY GREAT LOSSES.
THAT YOU POSSESS SUCH EYES PROVES...
TMP
WHUMP
UGH...!

UGH...

...WHAT THEY CALL A TRUE ENDING.
YOU'LL LOSE YOUR VERY SELF...

HOWEVER, THAT TOO SHALL END NOW.
UNH...

...
THUD...

FWMP
HACK
HUFF
STRAIN

THAT PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE CHANGED FATHER AND MOTHER... AND THE REST OF THE UCHIHA...

RAAAAWR!!
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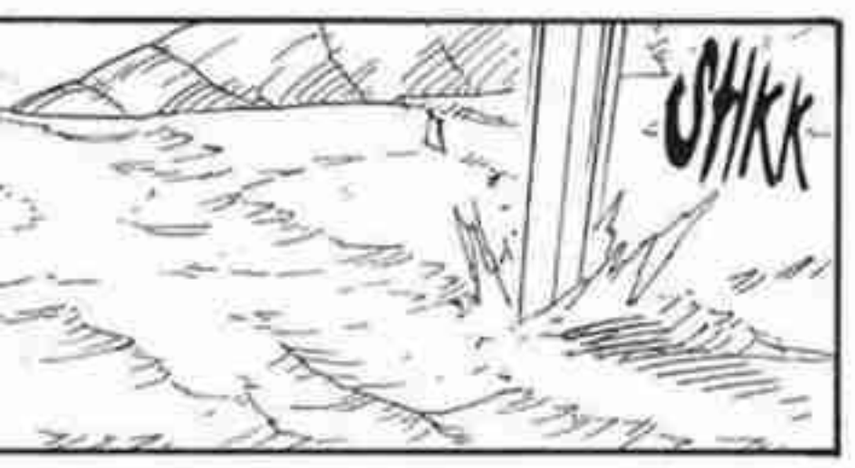
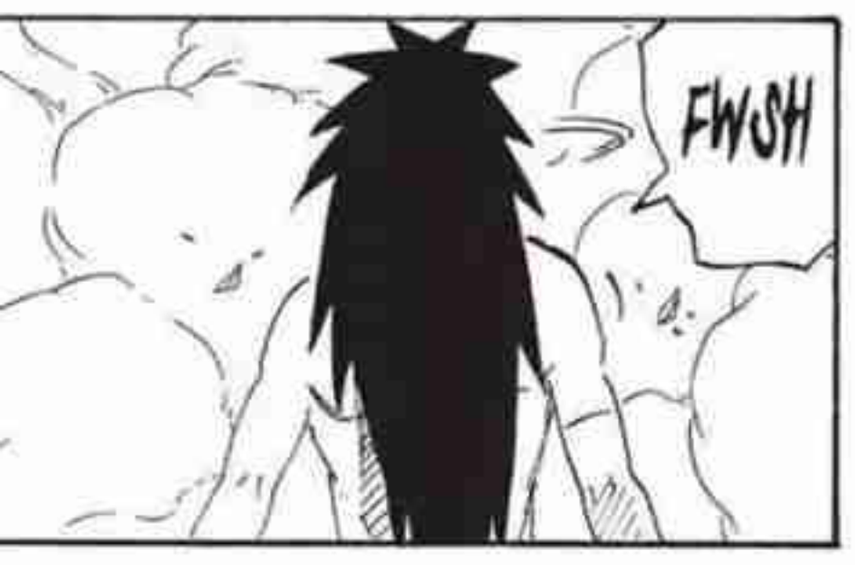
I'M NOT... DYING...
CAN'T... DIE... YET...

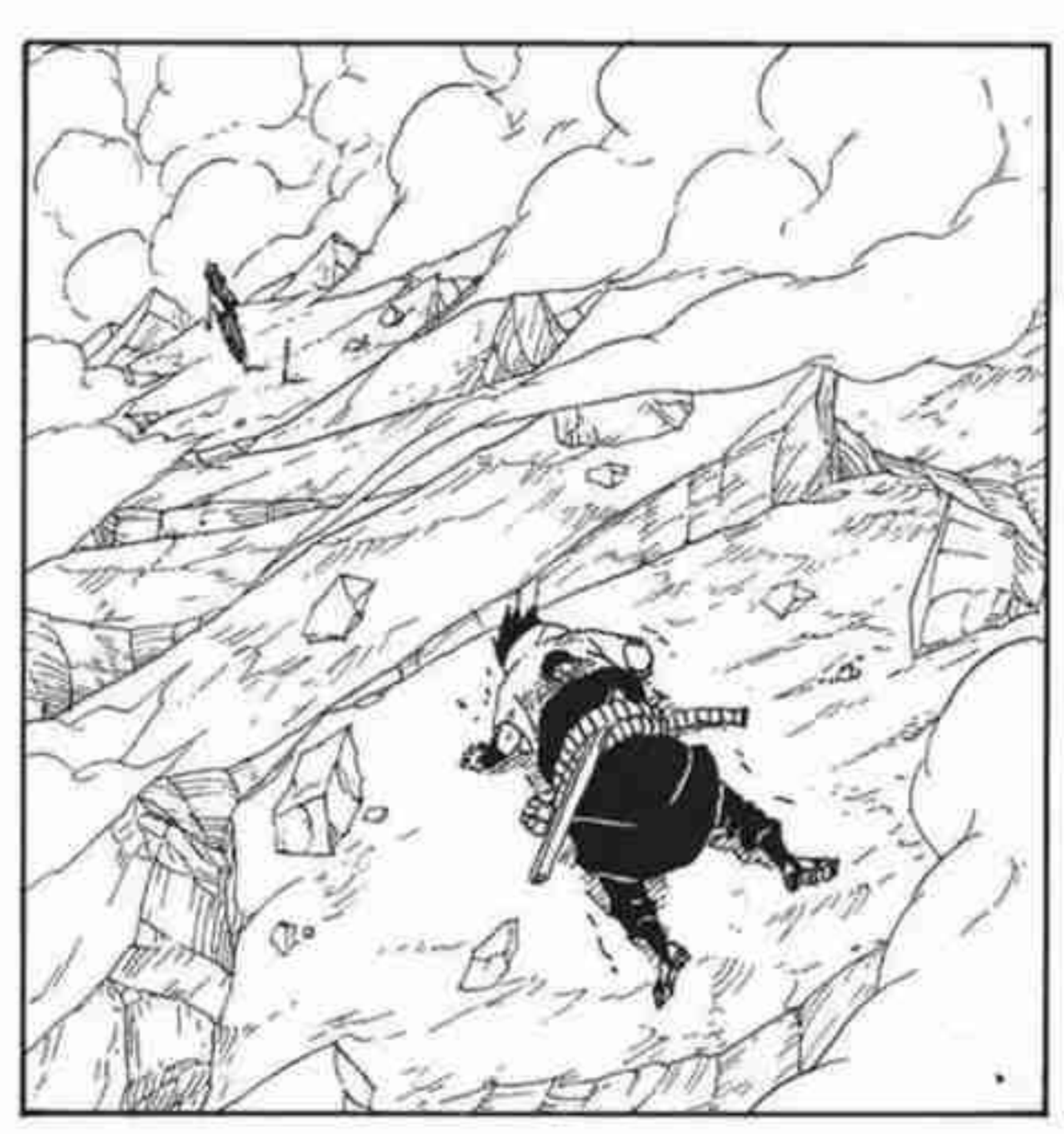

SHKK


FWSH

...

UGH!
THUD

...I AM STILL UCHIHA ITACHI OF KONOHA.
NO MATTER WHAT DARKNESS OR CONTRADICTIONS LIE WITHIN THE VILLAGE...
I CAN'T... LET ITACHI'S LIFE... TO HAVE...
...ALL... BEEN IN VAIN!



...I'M...
...AND BECOME A TRUE KAGE...
UNTIL I BUILD... A TRUE VILLAGE...

STRA-?...
SCUFF
SCUFF

...NOT GOING DOWN!!

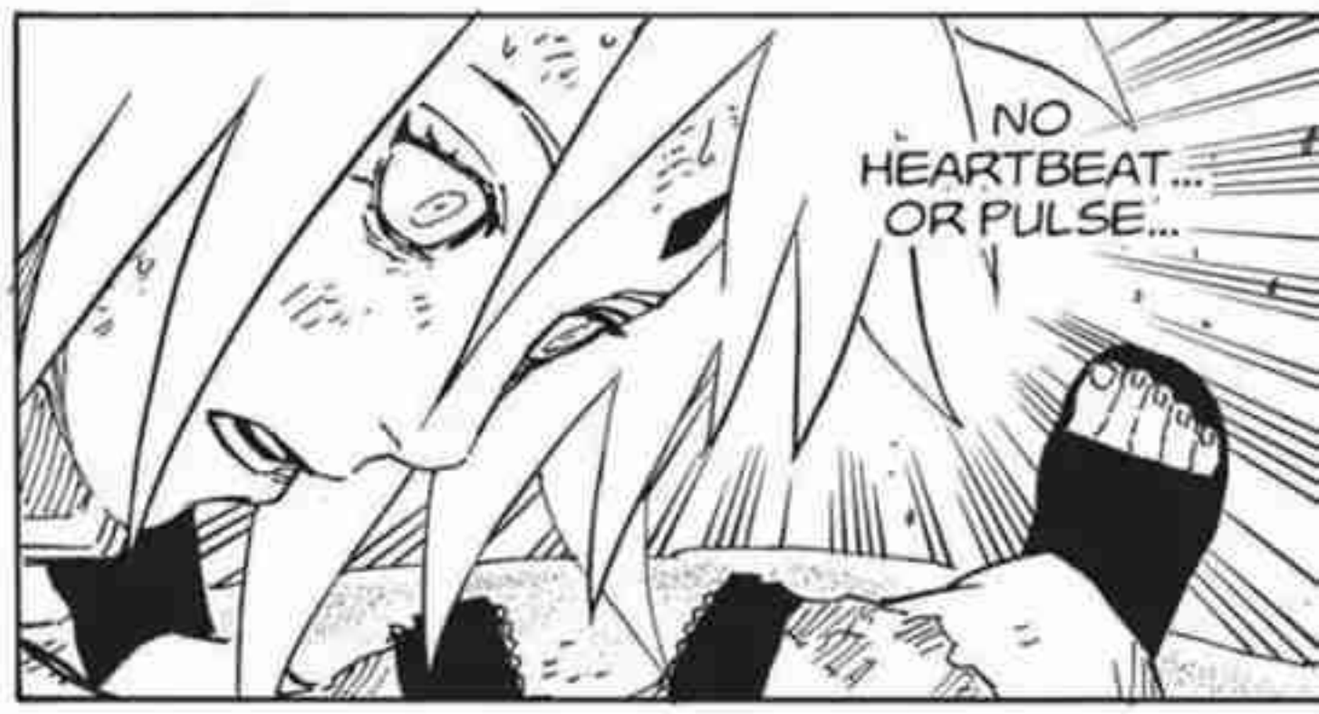
AT THIS RATE...
....NARUTO'S GONNA...
...GONNA...
BA-DMP...
BA-DMP...
...DIE!
BA

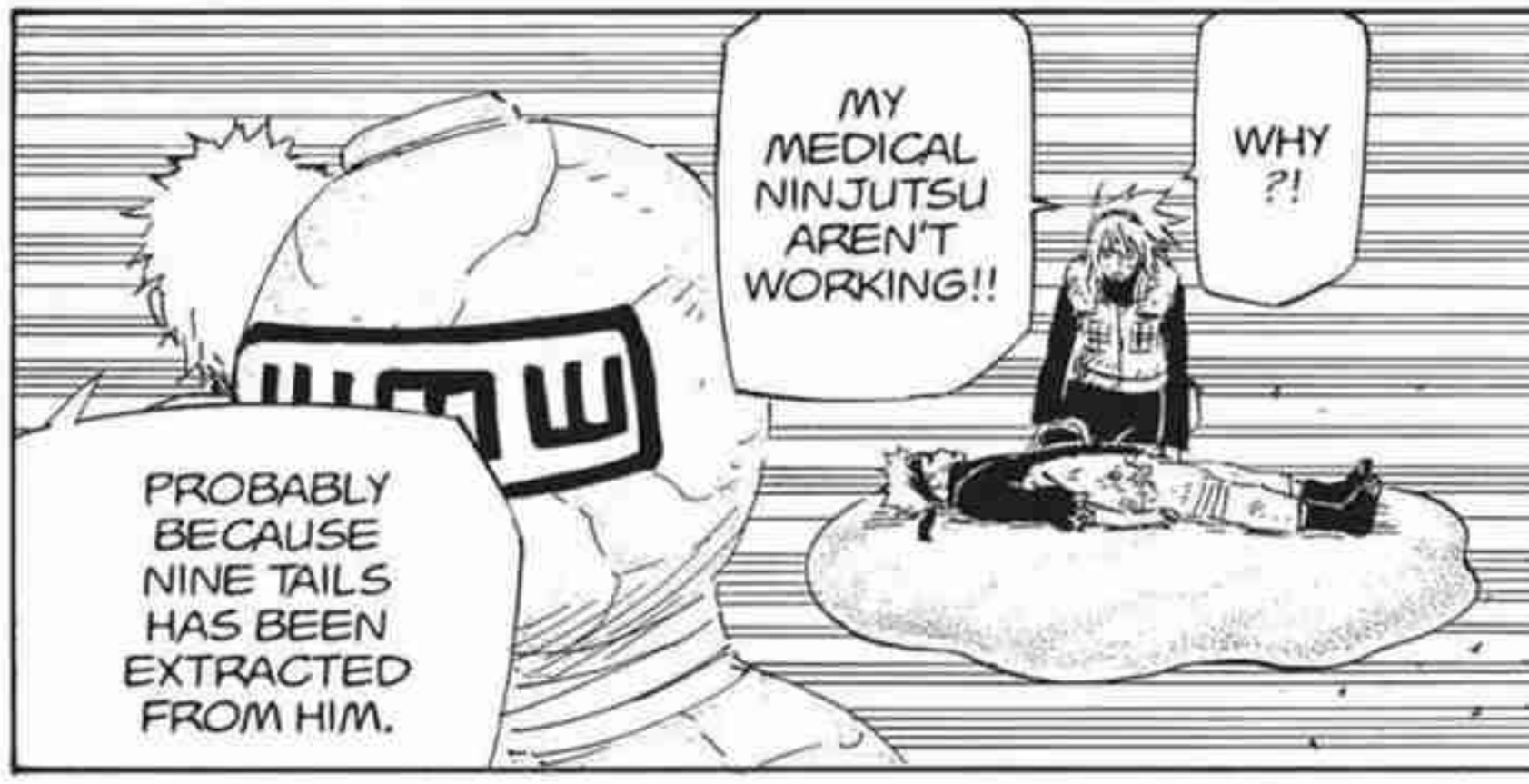
Number 663: No Matter What

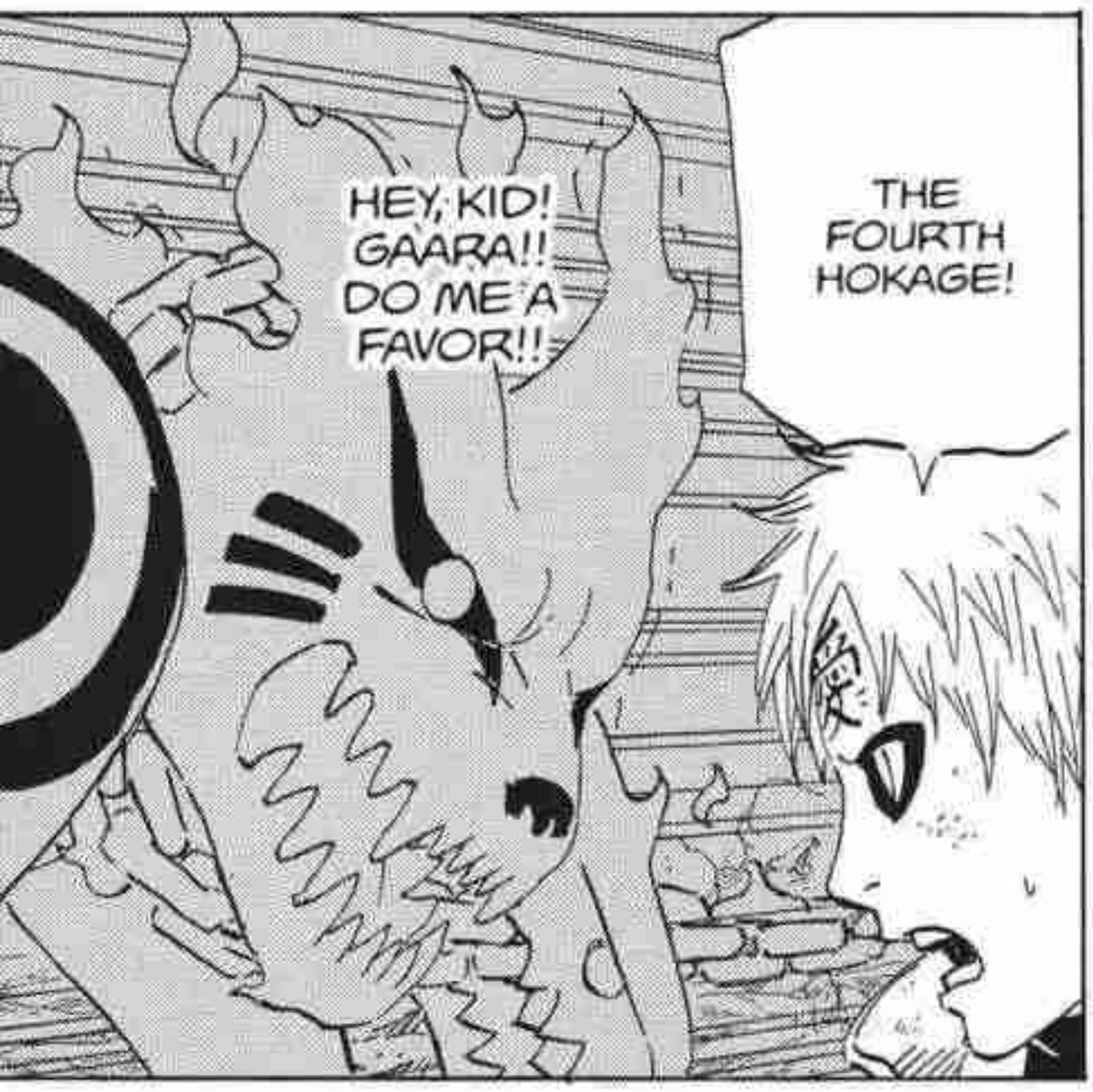
NO WAY...!

!

Number 663: No Matter What

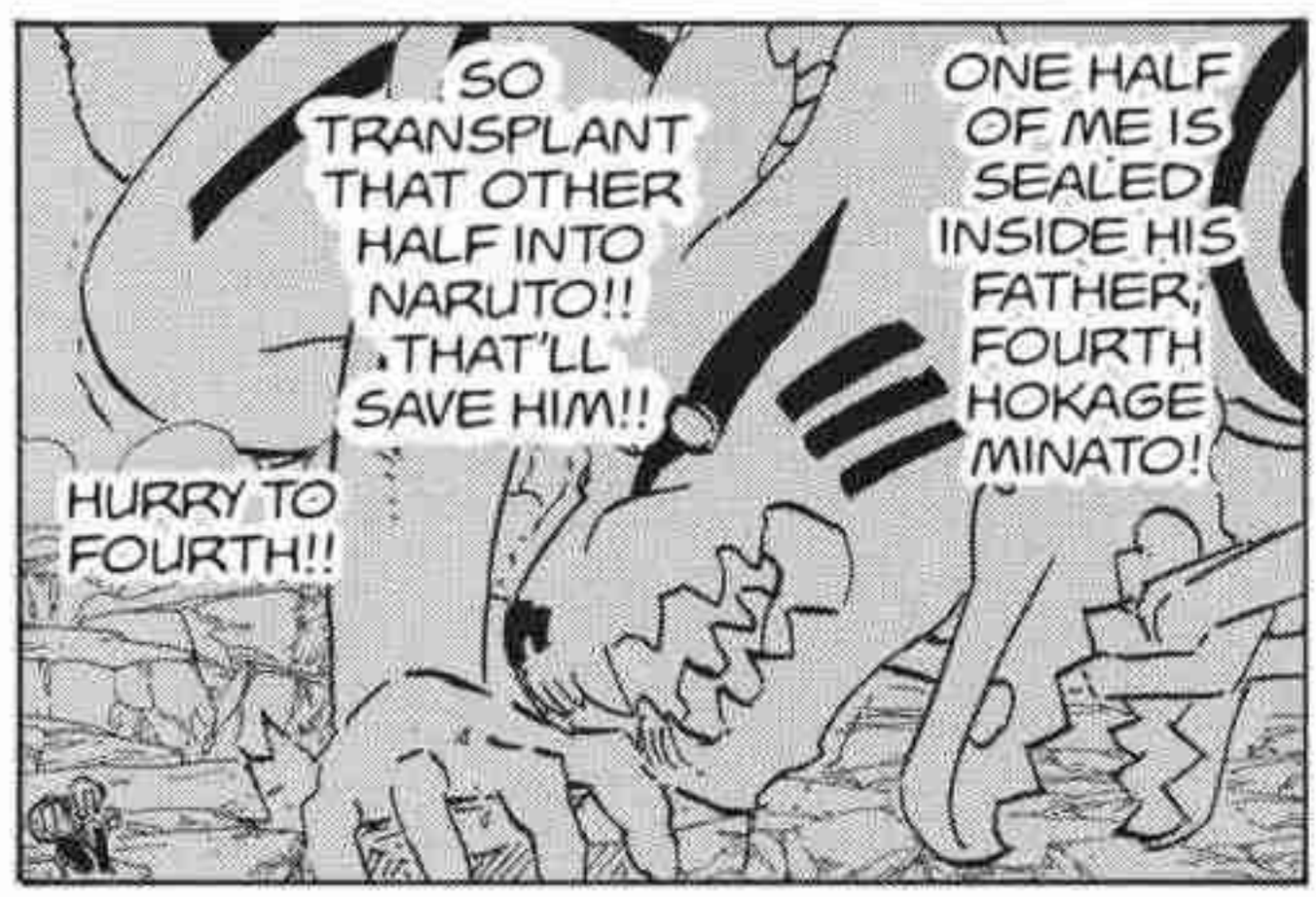


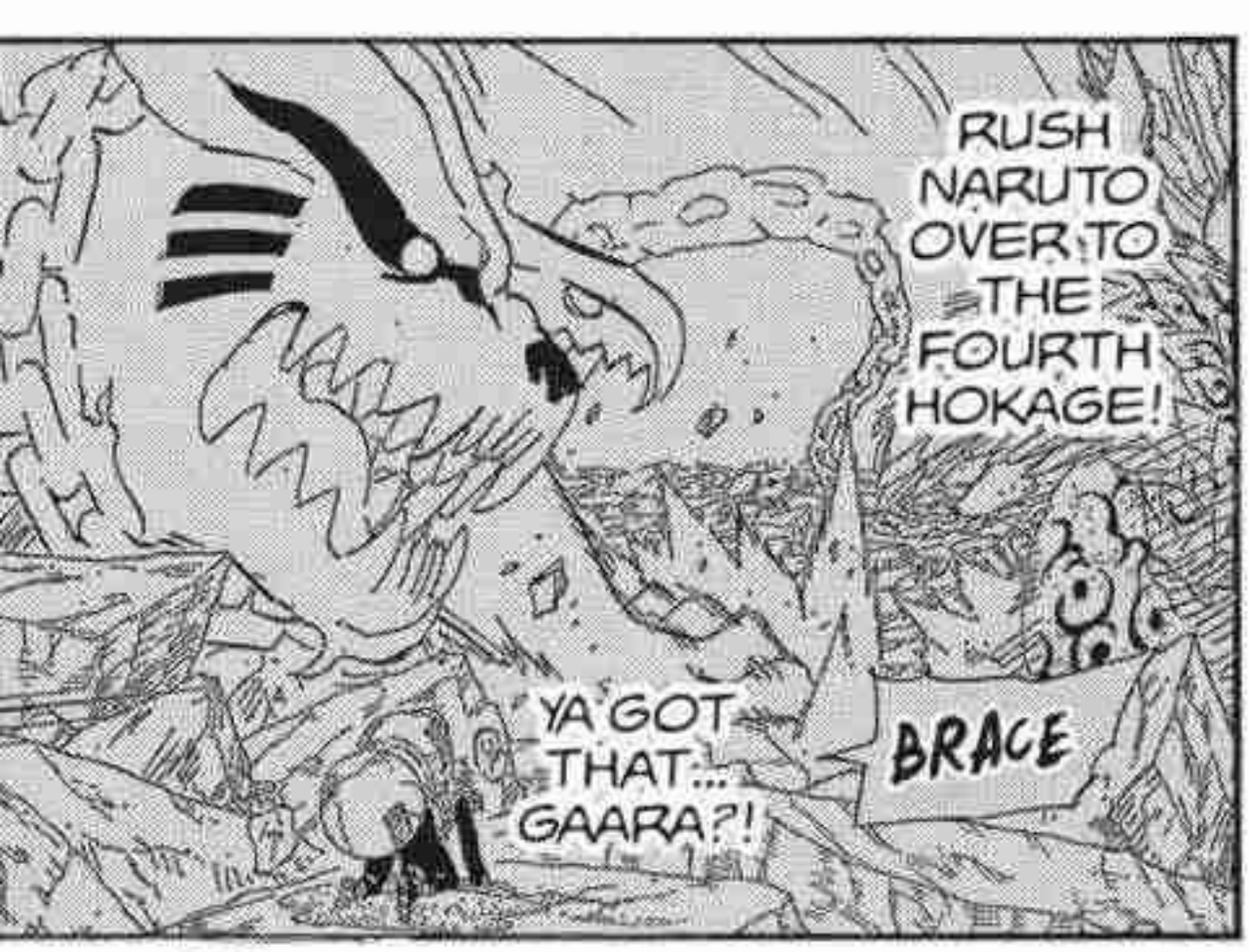


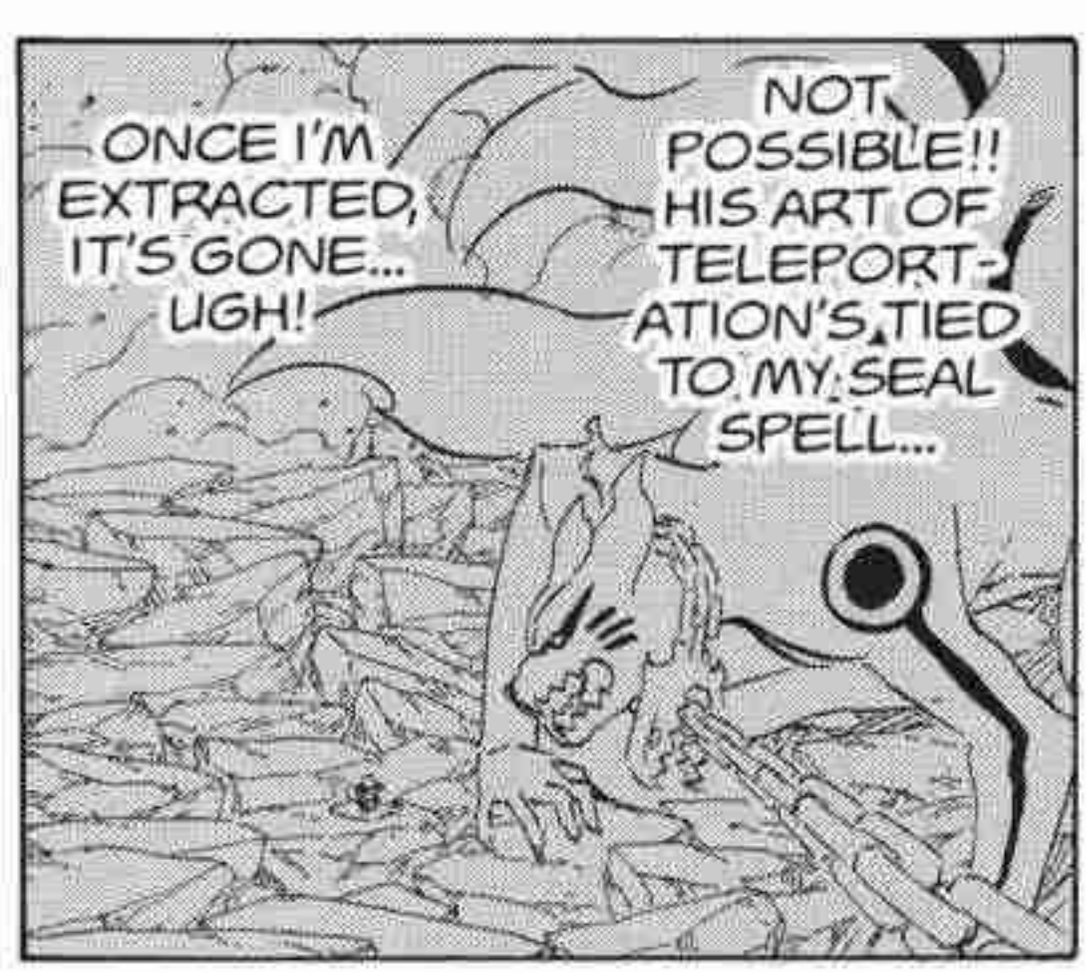

HEY, KID! GAARA!! DO ME A FAVOR!!
THE FOURTH HOKAGE!

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HURRYING.
MADARA GOT HIM... BUT THERE'S A WAY TO SAVE HIM.
TO WHERE?!

CAN'T WE JUST HAVE HIM COME HERE AND...
BUT HE'S ABLE TO TELEPORT HIMSELF!

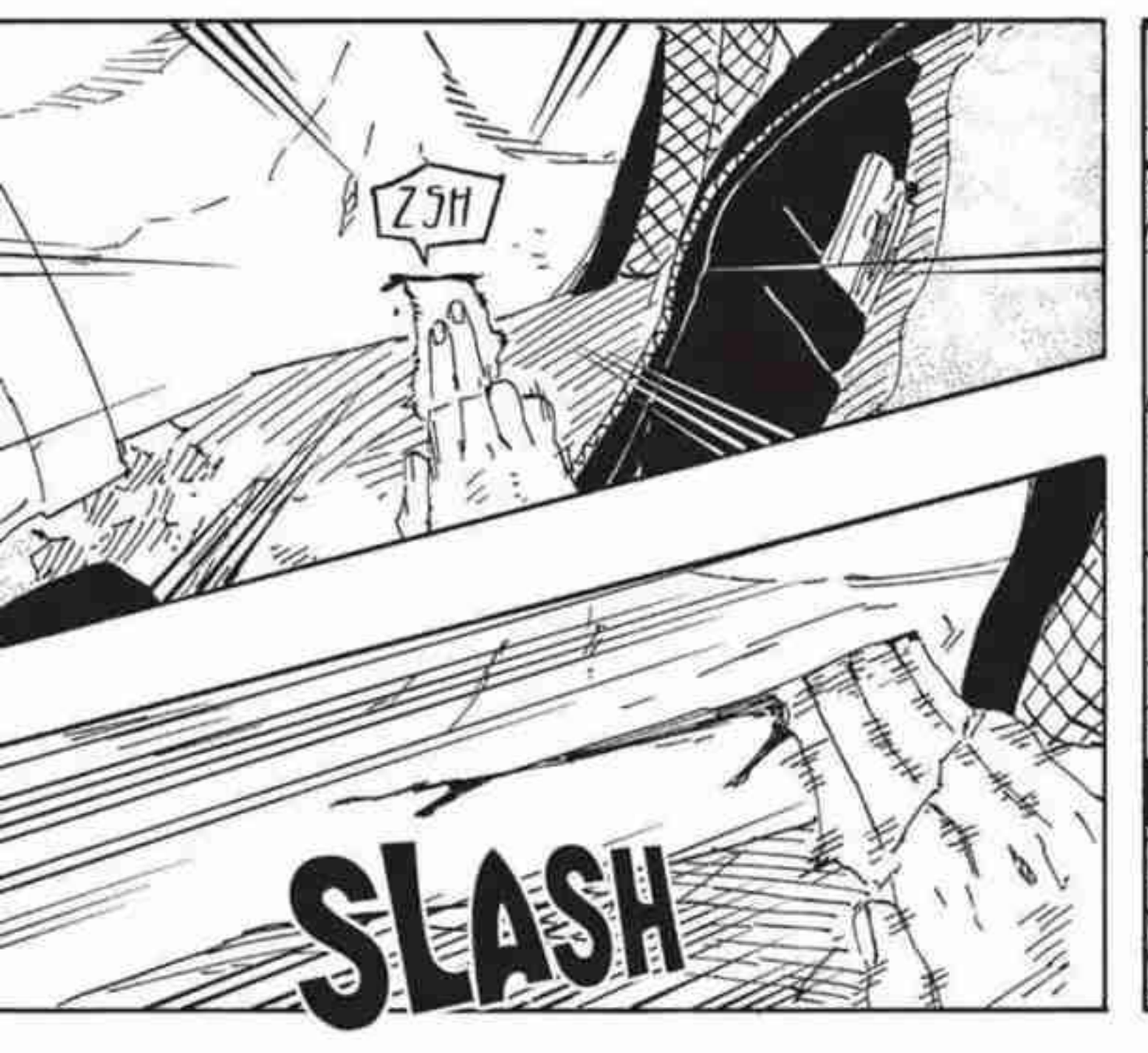

SO TRANSPLANT THAT OTHER HALF INTO NARUTO!! THAT'LL SAVE HIM!!
ONE HALF OF ME IS SEALED INSIDE HIS FATHER, FOURTH HOKAGE MINATO!
HURRY TO FOURTH!!


RUSH NARUTO OVER TO THE FOURTH HOKAGE!
YA GOT THAT... GAARA?!
BRACE


ONCE I'M EXTRACTED, IT'S GONE... UGH!
NOT POSSIBLE!! HIS ART OF TELEPORTATION'S TIED TO MY SEAL SPELL...

RIGHT NOW THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER WAY TO SAVE NARUTO!

THAT'S WHAT NINE TAILS SAID.


ZSH
SLASH

2122222
BZZZZ

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ZW
P

?!

ZP
THERE!

MMM...
ZWWW

SUCH

SUCH

ZWOOOOOO

SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE

SO LONG AS YOU'RE IN MY CARE, I AM NOT GONNA LET YOU DIE!!

YUP!!

I'M GOING FULL SPEED!

IF I COULD JUST... SAVE HIS SOUL WITH MY FORBIDDEN JUTSU...

I CAN'T...

UGH...

DAMN YOU, MADARA!

I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL... MUCH LESS TELEPORT.

...SENSE ANY CHAKRA IN HIM...

OUTTA MY WAY, BASTARD!!

WE GOTTA GET TO SASUKE!!

...

WHAT IS THAT?!

WHOA ... THAT'S IMPRESSIVE, KARIN!

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

JAB JAB JAB

THW AK

WH AP

DON'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!!

TA

THE SAME POWER AS UZUMAKI KUSHINA...

SHE'S FINALLY ATTAINED IT...

!
FSH
FSH

BLA
DOUBLE BLAST!!

NOT BAD.

SNAG

ZWWW

ZWWW

ZWWW

CHOMP

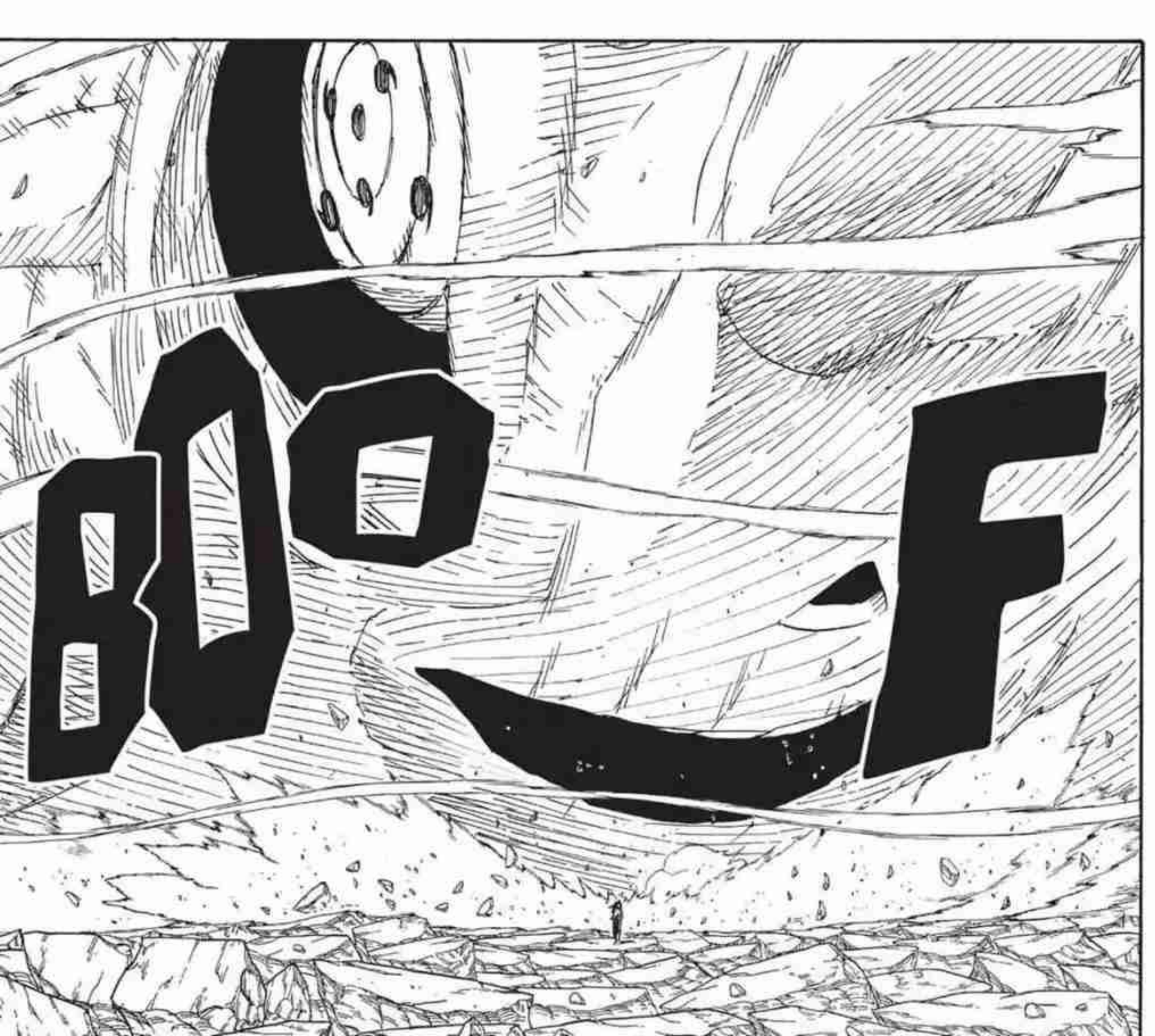
!

SHOOM

HA HA... FOILED YA!!

SASUKE!! I CAN'T SENSE SASUKE!!

BUT NEVER MIND ME...
YEAH...
ZZZZZZ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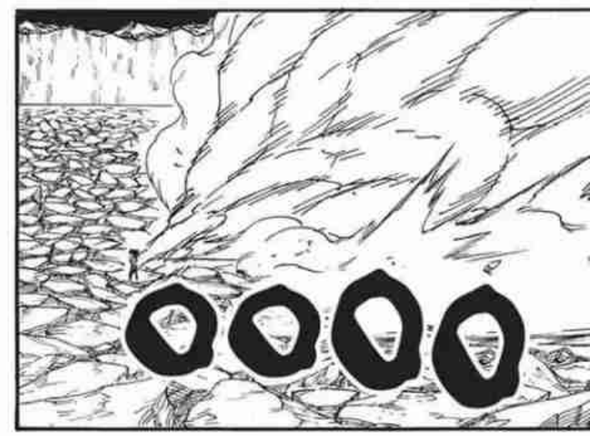
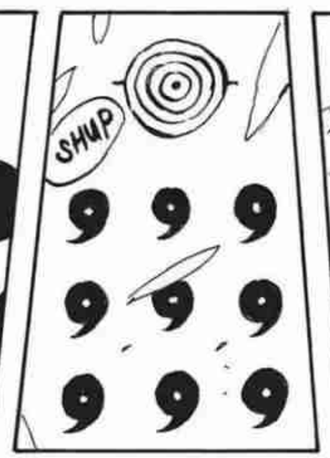
NOW FOR THAT LEFT EYE.

SO THIS IS SIX PATHS POWER...

TR-OMP

SPRONG





FUUUU

BMP

HUFF

SQUICH
SQUICH

CLENCH

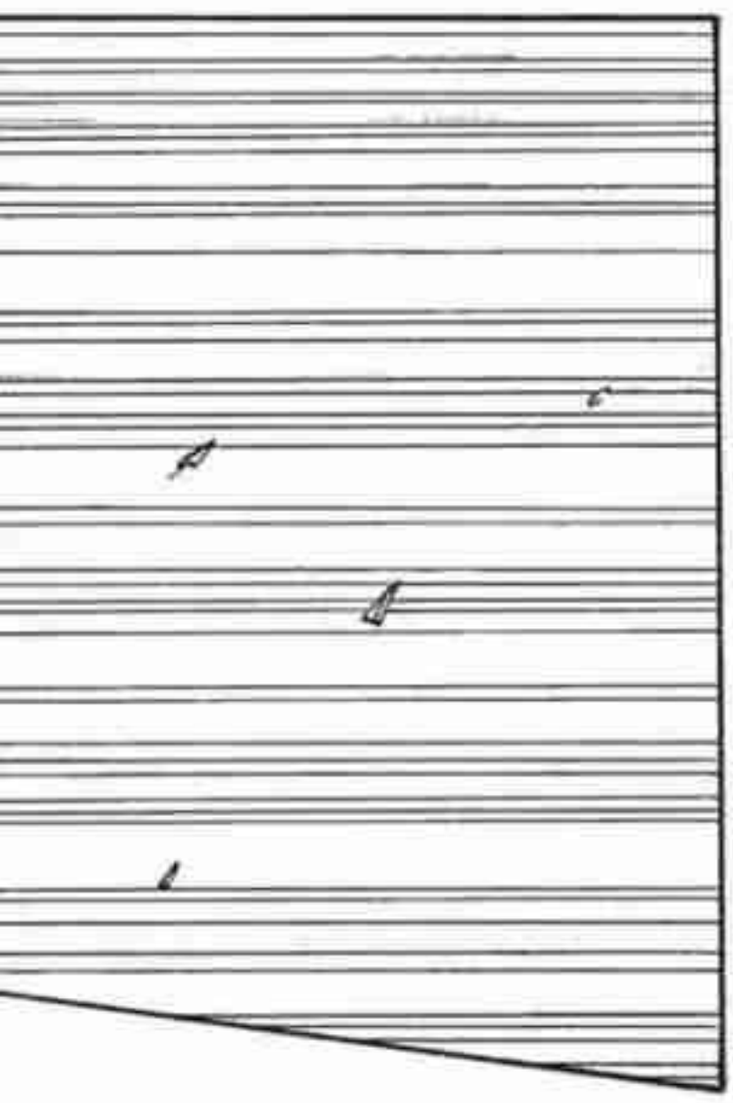
...AND SURPASS EVERY OTHER ONE WHO CAME BEFORE ME!
I'M GONNA BECOME HOKAGE...

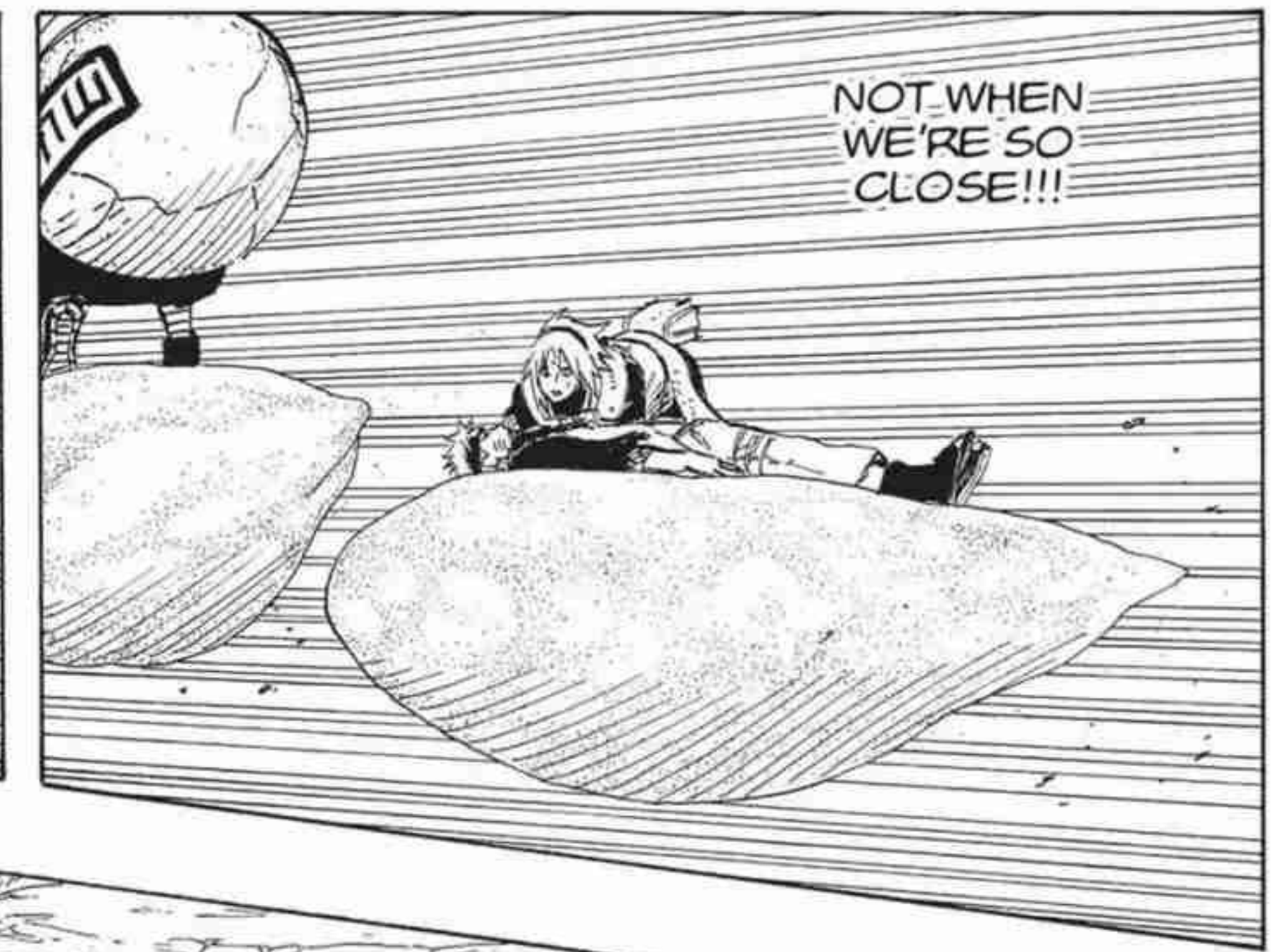
IT'S UZUMAKI NARUTO!!
I AM THE CREAM OF THE ELITE! IN FACT, ONE DAY I'M GONNA BE THE NEXT LORD HOKAGE! SO REMEMBER MY NAME.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE, NO MATTER WHAT!!

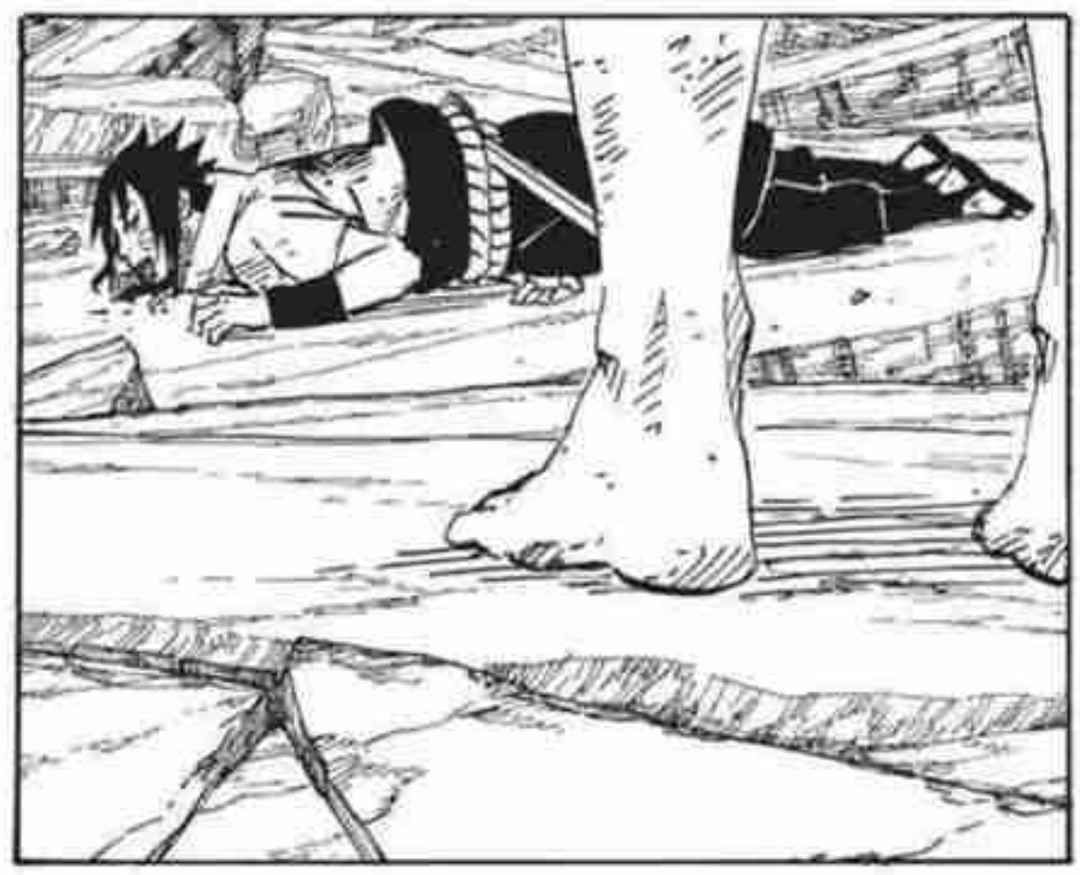
BMP
CLENCH
WON'T...
WON'T LET YOU DIE!
SQUICH

YOUR PREVIOUSLY RIDICULOUS DREAMS... NO LONGER SEEM SILLY...
FUUUU




NOT WHEN WE'RE SO CLOSE!!!

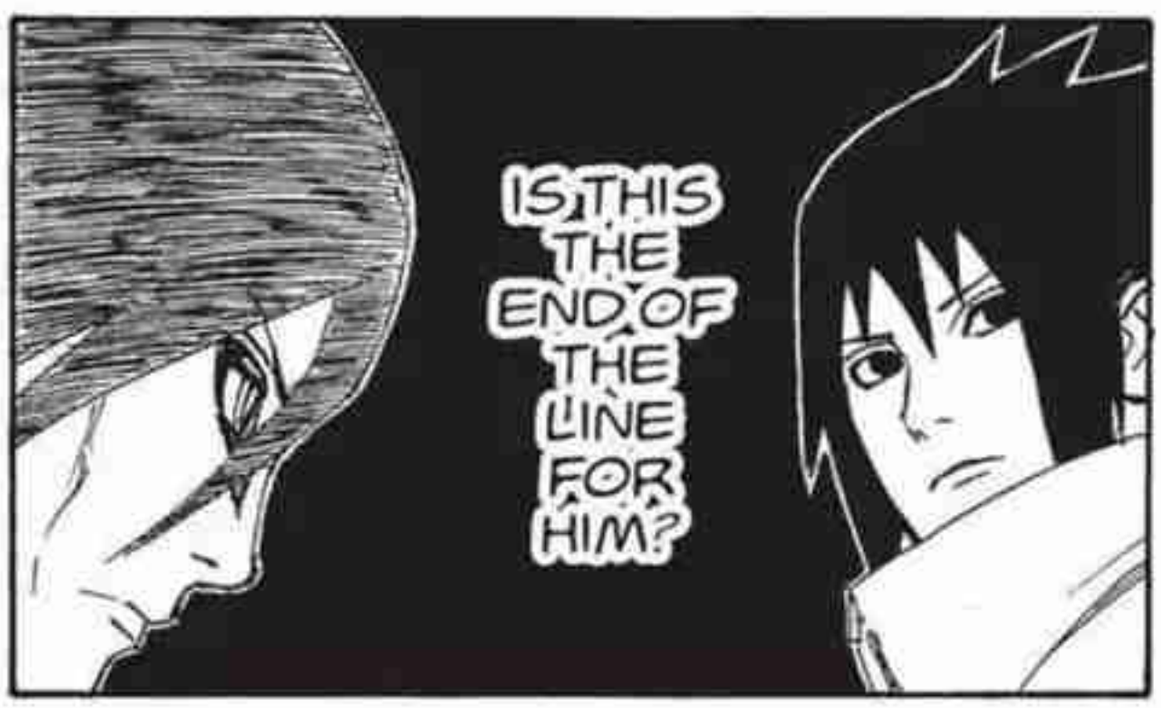
SHUP



Number 664: I'm His Father

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHERE SASUKE IS!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE CHAKRA?



KARIN! IF YOU UP THE PACE TOO MUCH, YOU'RE GOING TO COLLAPSE!

TTP

DAMN IT...!

LET'S HEAD TO THE OTHERS AT YOUTH POWER MAX!! LEE!! TENTEN!!

!

YOUR BODY ISN'T KEEPING UP WITH YOUR SPIRIT!

DROOP

YESSIR!! BUT YOU'RE FALLING OVER, MASTER GUY!!

THAT'S GAARA'S SAND...
AND I THINK I SAW SAKURA TOO...

FWOOOOSH
FWOOOOSH
...

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE RETREATING ?!

?
...

I HAVE A FEELING SOMETHING'S GOING DOWN WHERE KAKASHI IS...
WITH THE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA NARUTO GAVE US GONE POOF, AND MEDICAL CORPS SAKURA ON THE MOVE...
NO...

KAKASHI HASN'T OVERTAKEN AND PASSED US YET, RIGHT?

NEJI! WHY'D YOU LEAVE ME?!!
I CAN'T STAND BEING STUCK WITH THIS ZEALOUS AIRHEAD DUO!!
WHAAAAAAT?!!

WE'RE HEADING BACK, LEE! TENTEN!! MY RED-HOT BLOOD IS ABOIL!!
YOU'RE EXPERIENCING SUPER-UNEASINESS?!!

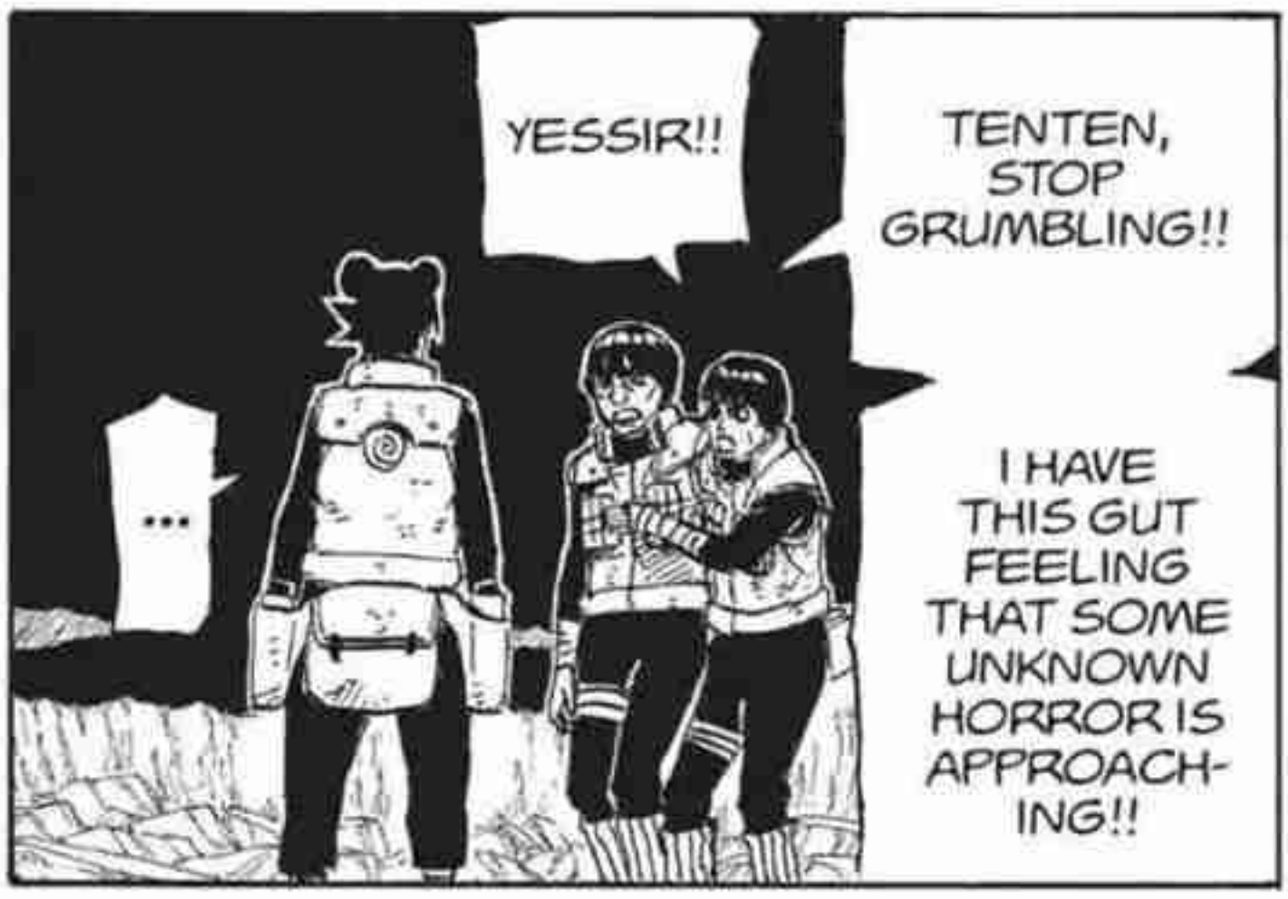
WOOOOOSH
GLUG GLUG GLUG
PTOO PTOO
I FEEL JUST A TAD HEAVY.
...
SOME-THING CATCHING IN MY CHEST...

ZWWW...

ZWWW...

ZW
OOSH
BUT NOW I'M LIGHTER.

THE SAGE'S NINJA TOOLS, EH...? MEANING-LESS.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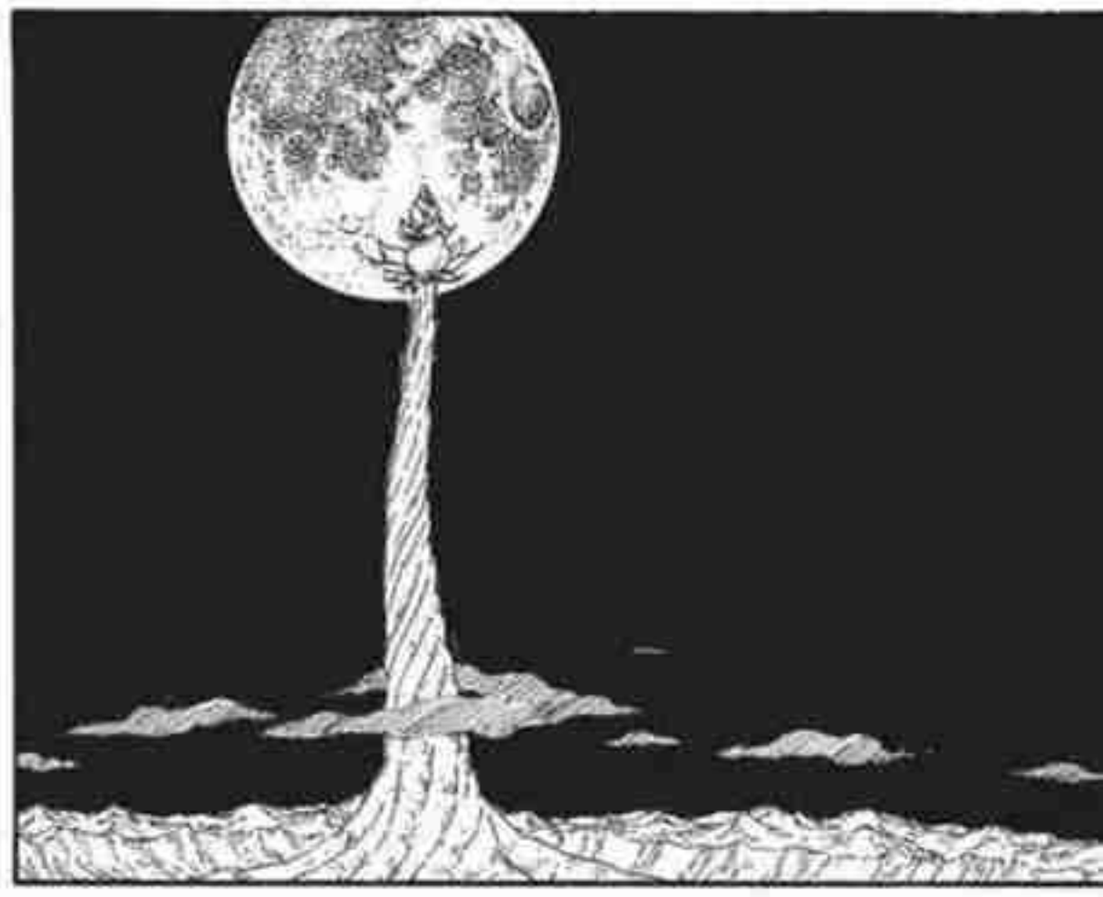
YESSIR!!
TENTEN, STOP GRUMBLING!!
I HAVE THIS GUT FEELING THAT SOME UNKNOWN HORROR IS APPROACH-ING!!



WAAH !!!

GAAR !!!

KRAK

AARGH !!!

!!

ARE YOU TWO ALL RIGHT...?

KLATTER KLATTER

BOOM

HUH...? NO WAY!

AREN'T THESE THE...?!

UNH...

Y-YES...

KWEEN

HAK

KWEEEN

BZZZZ

MUFF

MUFF

NO MISTAKE, MY OTHER HALF'S BEEN EXTRACTED!

WE WERE TOO DISTRACTED BY WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.

N-NO WAY...!!

!!!

...

FIZZLE

MASTER ...?!

...!

SWOO--

MASTER KAKASHI!!

!

...

四代

SWOOSH

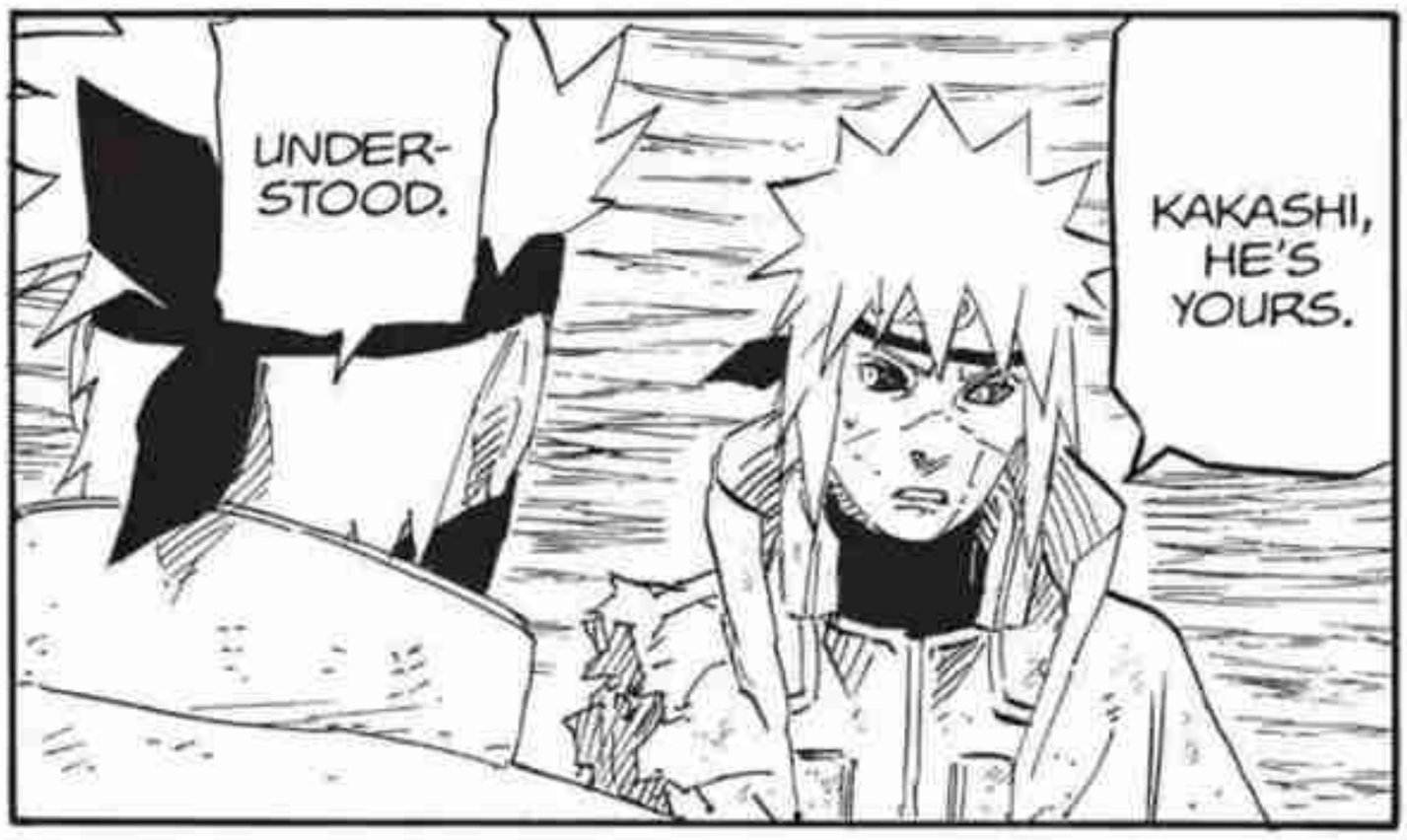
HE'S IN BAD SHAPE!

NINE TAILS WAS EXTRACTED FROM INSIDE NARUTO...

四代目火影

SWOOSH

WHAT HAPPENED ?!



I'LL HELP.

TMP

FSH

FWP FWP

I'M GOING.

ONCE THIS CHILD'S BORN, I'LL HAVE TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
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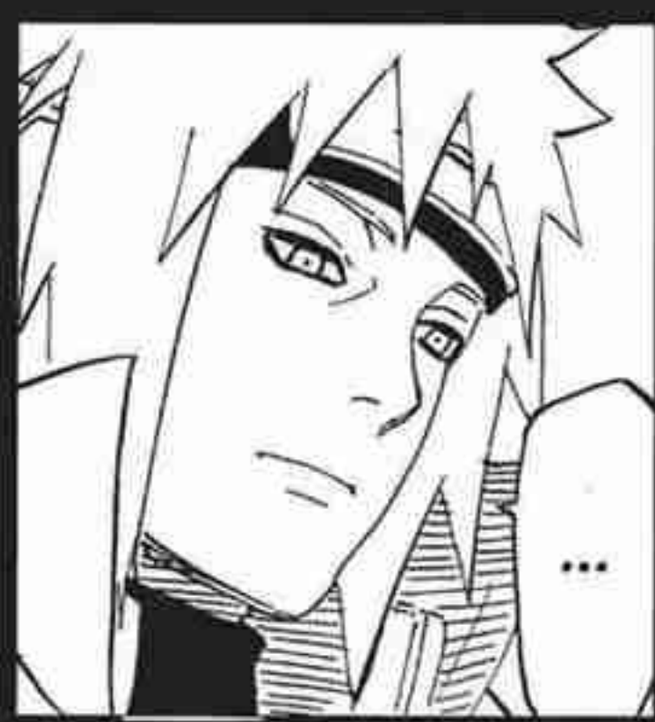
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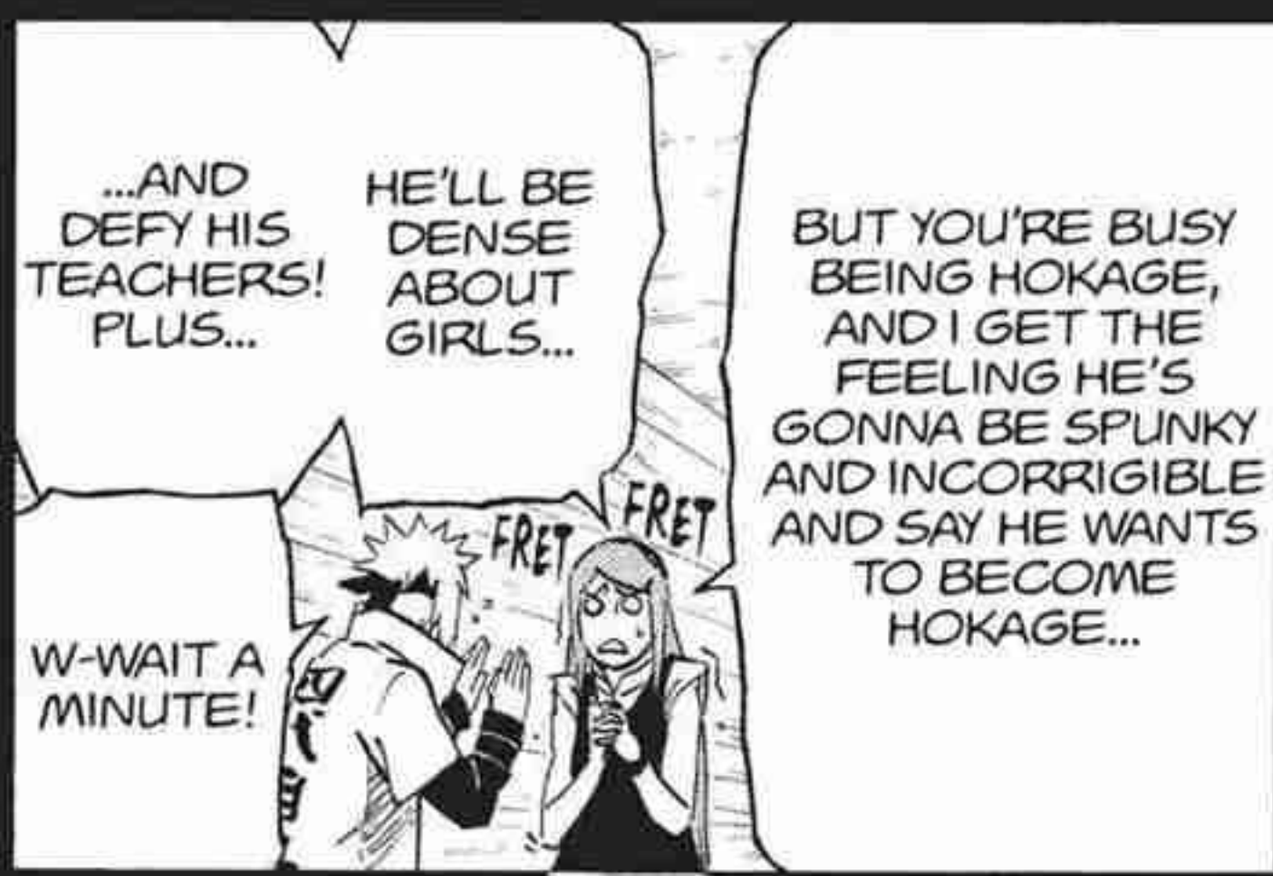
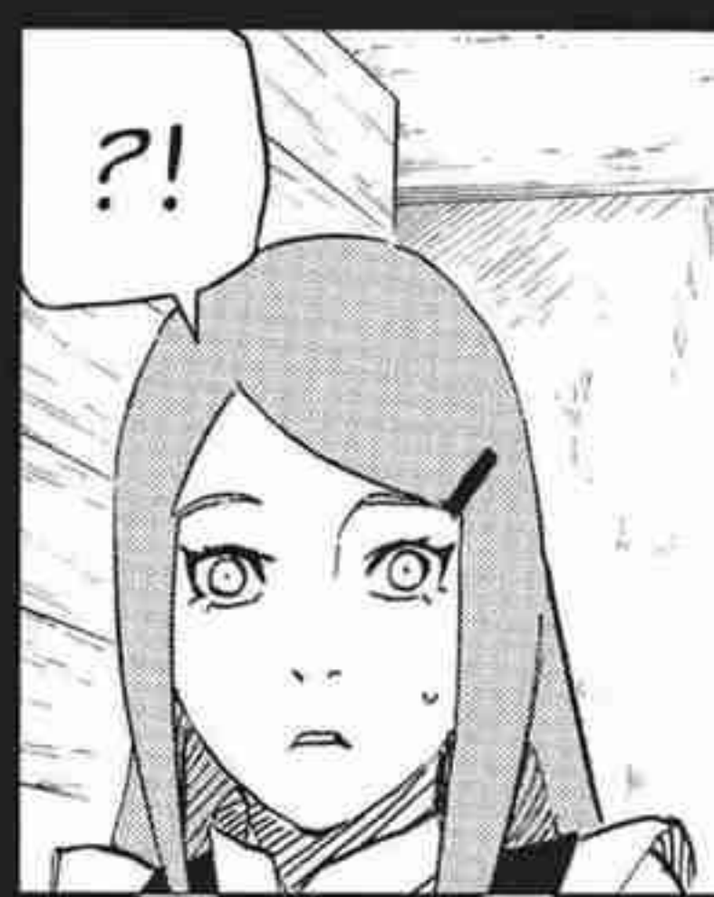
OF COURSE! I'M NOT DYING UNTIL I SEE MY CHILD'S FACE.
BE CARE-FUL.
四代目


...AND DEFY HIS TEACHERS! PLUS...
HE'LL BE DENSE ABOUT GIRLS...
W-WAIT A MINUTE!
FRET
FRET
BUT YOU'RE BUSY BEING HOKAGE, AND I GET THE FEELING HE'S GONNA BE SPUNKY AND INCORRIGIBLE AND SAY HE WANTS TO BECOME HOKAGE...

...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, OR WHATEVER IT TAKES.
DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE KID!

BESIDES, HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW IT'S A BOY... OR THAT HE'LL WANT TO BE HOKAGE?
BECAUSE...
THE KID'S NOT EVEN BORN YET... YOU'RE WORRYING TOO MUCH!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...I'M HIS MOTHER!
TMD...

YOU SURE ARE ASSERTIVE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS CHILD!
WELL, OF COURSE...

...AND AS HOKAGE, I'LL PROTECT THAT CHILD NO MATTER WHAT! DON'T WORRY!
ANYWAY, I'M THE HOKAGE. I WON'T GO DOWN EASILY...

THE CURRENT ME CAN...

THIS TIME, FOR SURE...

I'M HIS FATHER!

HUH?

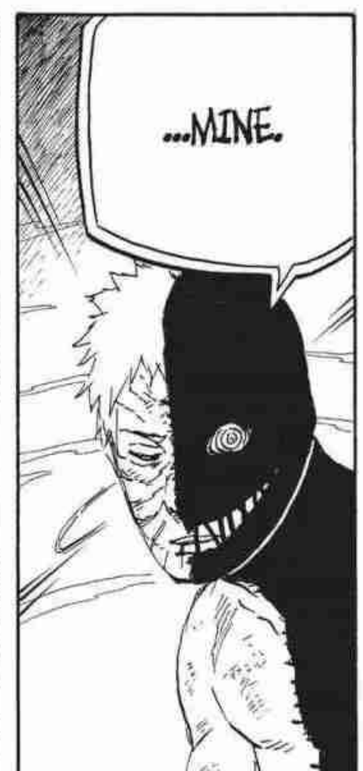
?!!

THAT'S --!

WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
UGH!
KWEEH

ZWW

!
HUFF
HUFF


...MINE.

NINE TAILS... YOU'RE FINALLY...

!!

ZWOP

NEEEE...

NEEEE...

ZIIIIIII

!!

!!

THUD

HOW'S NARUTO?!

LORD MADARA...
NO WAY...
!
?!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
TOO SLOW, BLACK ZETSU.
I DECIDED TO COME TO YOU.

UGH...

ZETSU... WHY ARE YOU STILL CLINGING TO OBITO?

Number 665: The Current Me

SINCE LORD MADARA IS HERE, Y'ALL CAN DO NOTHING TO ME...

...EVEN IF I SEPARATE MYSELF FROM OBITO.

!

ZWWW...

ZWWW...

HAK
HUFF

ZWP
TMP
HUF
HUF
TMP

MADARA... I NEED TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.
NOT YET...
HUFF
HUFF

QUIVV
YOU! LORD MA...
QUIVV

...

WE'VE GOT TO BIDE OUR TIME UNTIL THE RIGHT MOMENT.

!
FSH
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS.
WE NEED THE NINE TAILS INSIDE THAT THING FOR NARUTO.

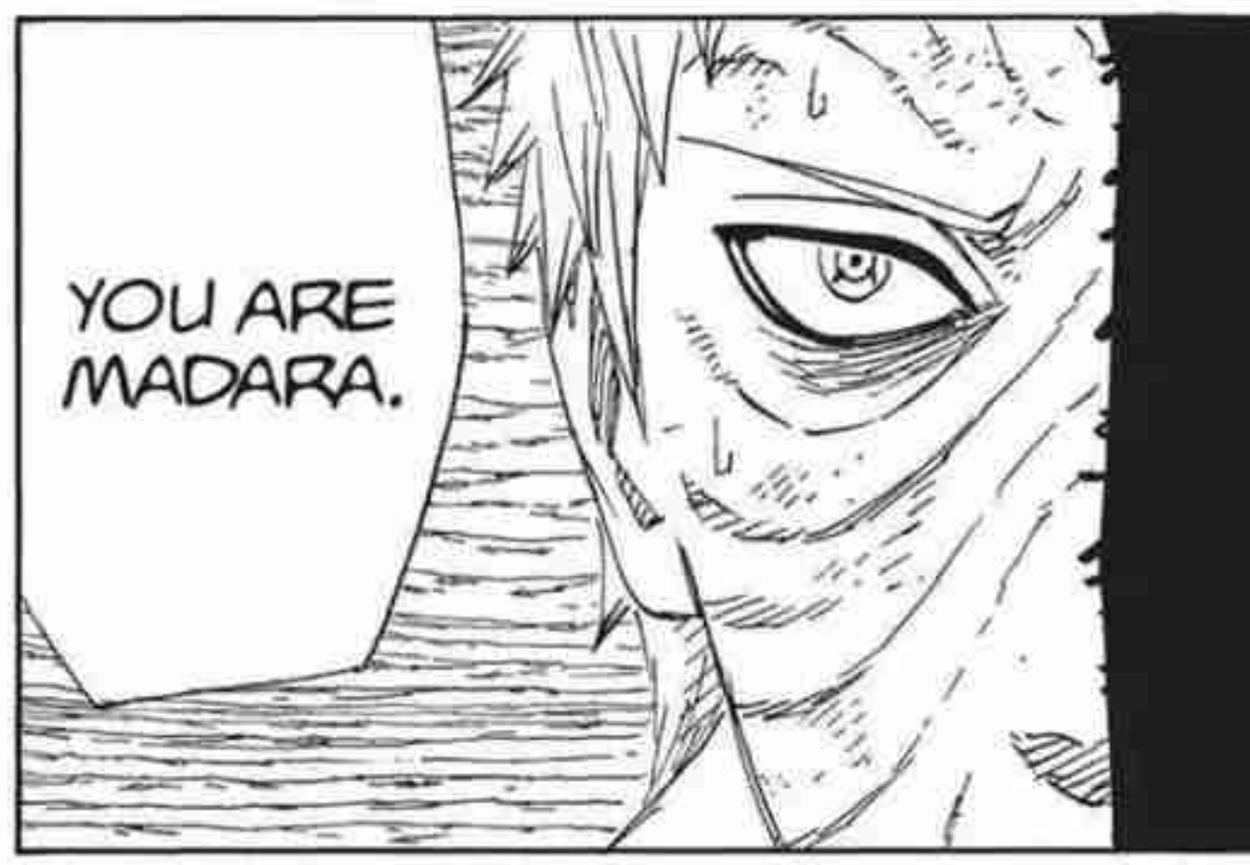
...
FSH

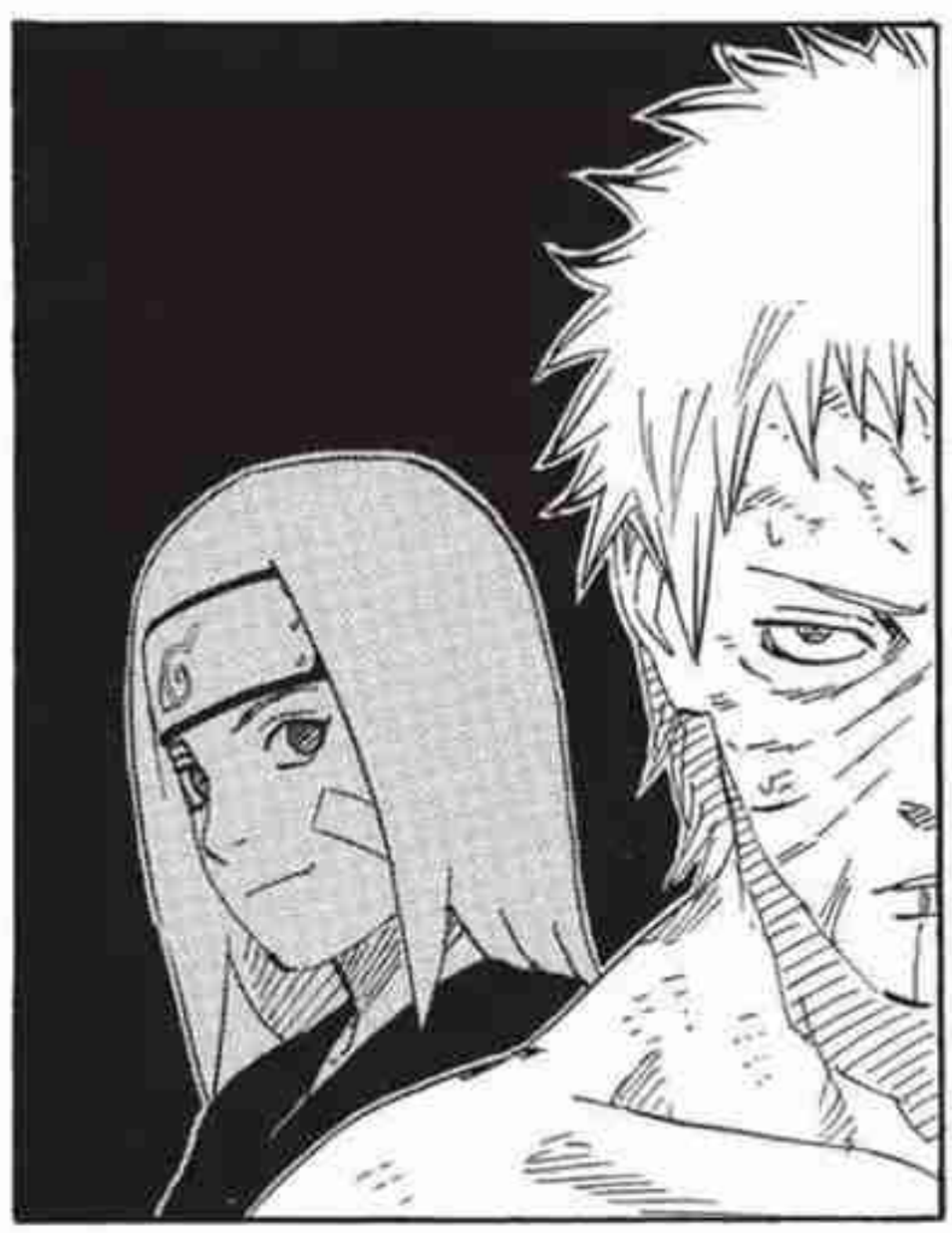
...?!

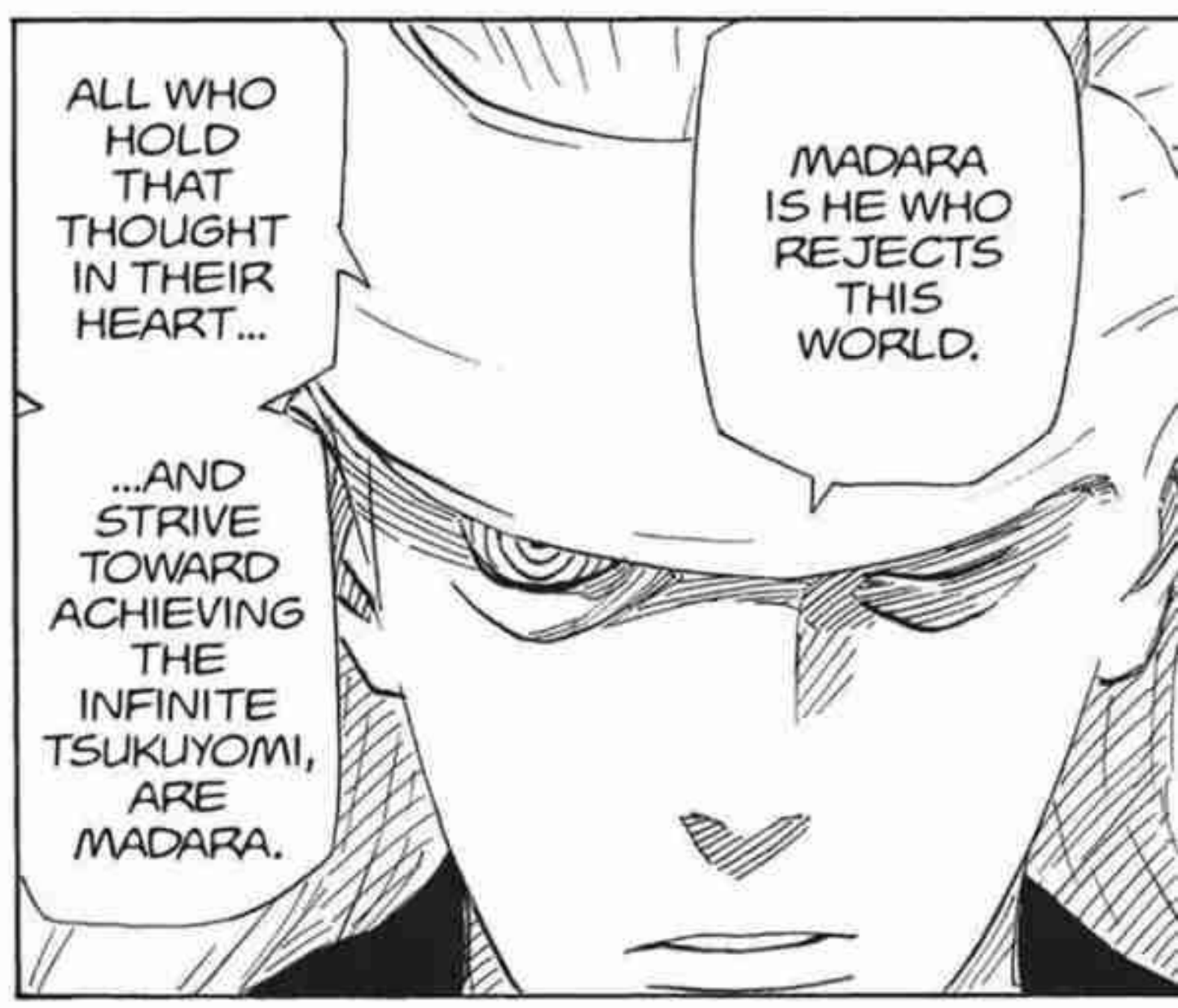
HEH HEH... YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
YOU ARE ONLY ONE THING TO ME.
WHAT KIND OF STUPID QUESTION IS THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

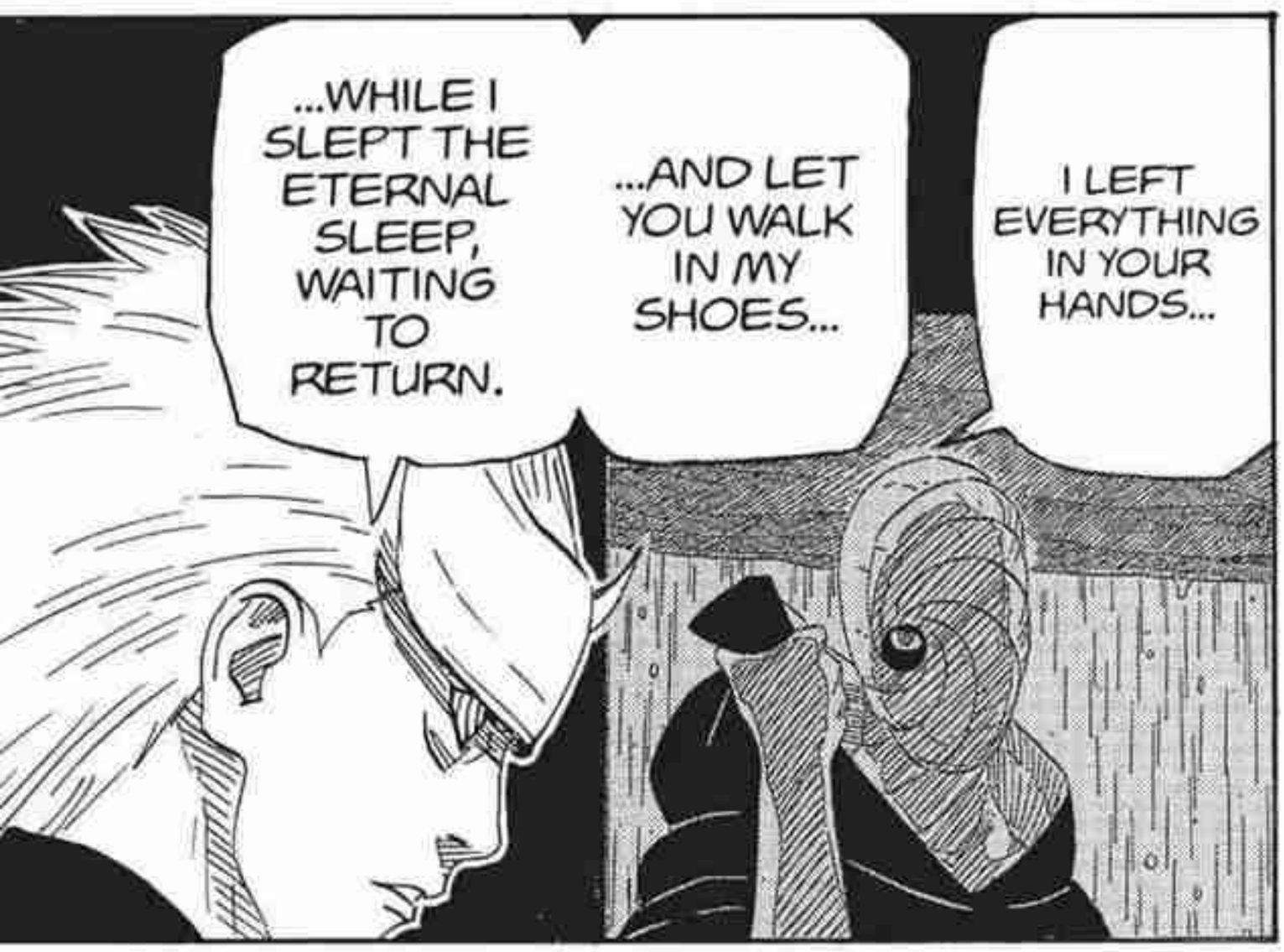
WHAT AM I...
...TO YOU?

...YOU SHALL BE... UCHIHA MADARA.
...NOW... GO ON... UNTIL... THE TIME WHEN... I WILL BE REVIVED...


YOU ARE MADARA.




ALL WHO HOLD THAT THOUGHT IN THEIR HEART...
...AND STRIVE TOWARD ACHIEVING THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI, ARE MADARA.
MADARA IS HE WHO REJECTS THIS WORLD.


...WHILE I SLEPT THE ETERNAL SLEEP, WAITING TO RETURN.
...AND LET YOU WALK IN MY SHOES...
I LEFT EVERYTHING IN YOUR HANDS...

THAT WAS MY PATH ONCE.
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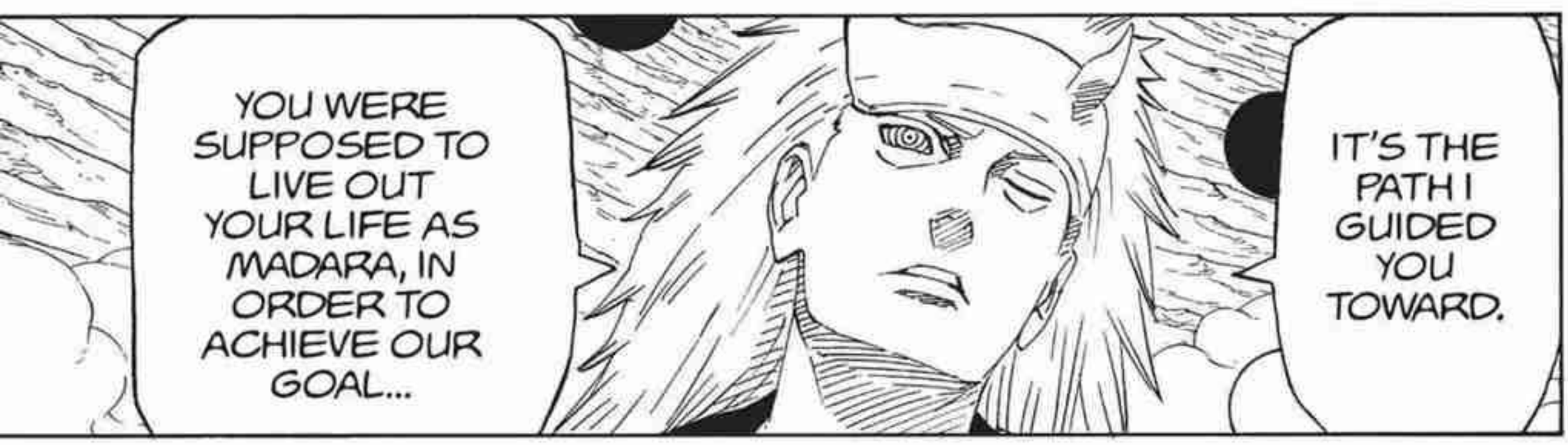
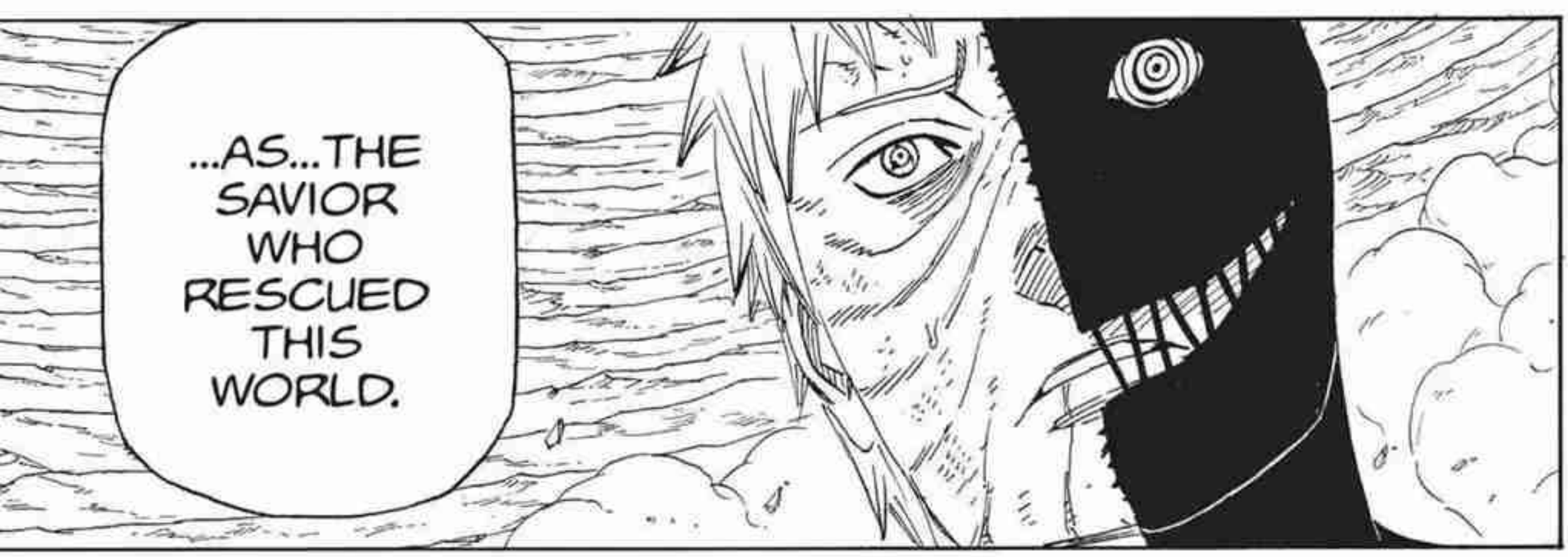

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE AS MADARA, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL...
IT'S THE PATH I GUIDED YOU TOWARD.


...AS...THE SAVIOR WHO RESCUED THIS WORLD.

GLANCE
THIS WORLD THAT THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS DIRECTED...

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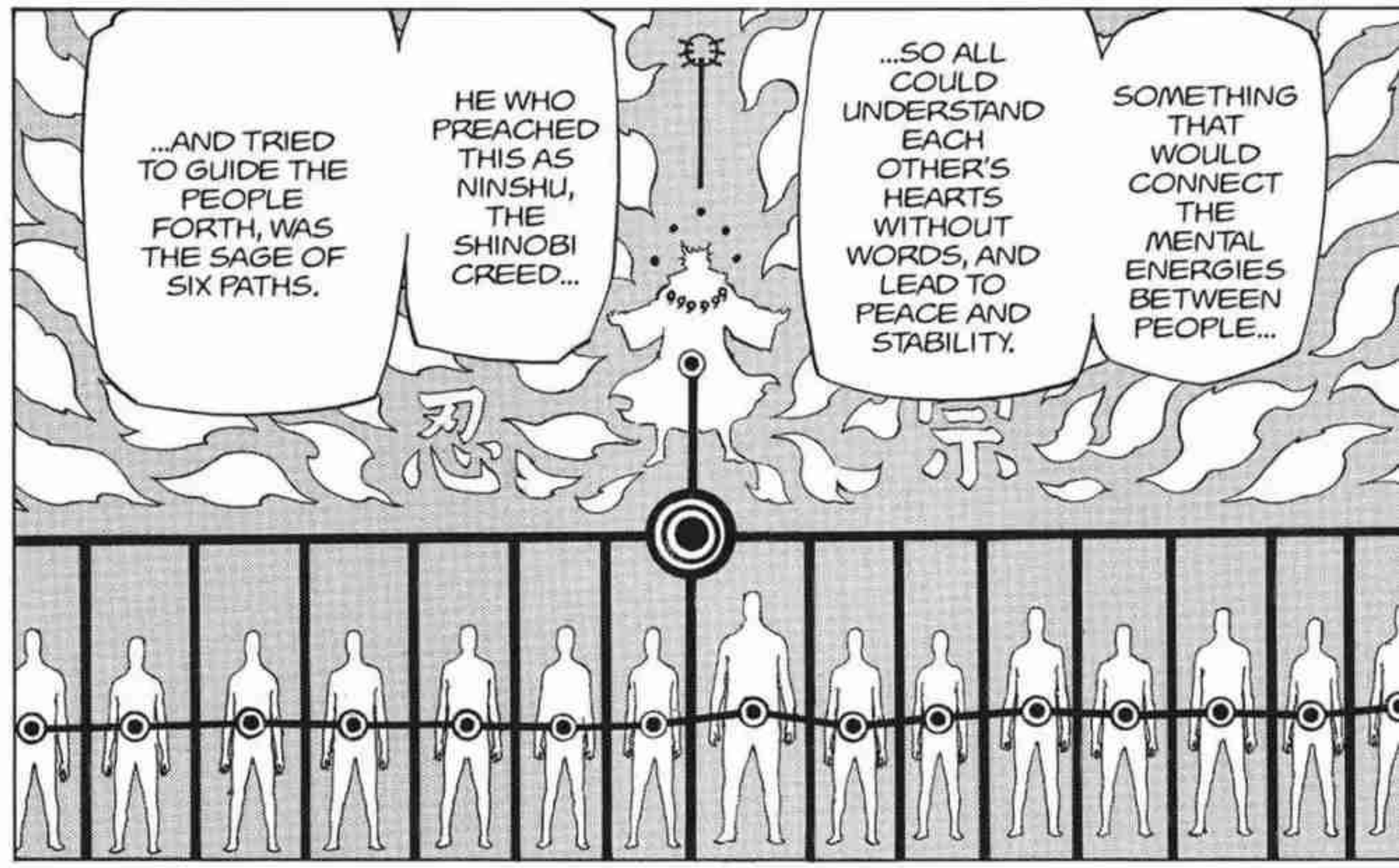
...HAS FAILED.

...WAS MEANT TO BE A LINKING POWER.
LISTEN. THIS CHAKRA THAT SIX PATHS DISPERSED...


...AND TRIED TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE FORTH, WAS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.
HE WHO PREACHED THIS AS NINSHU, THE SHINOBI CREED...
...SO ALL COULD UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S HEARTS WITHOUT WORDS, AND LEAD TO PEACE AND STABILITY.
SOMETHING THAT WOULD CONNECT THE MENTAL ENERGIES BETWEEN PEOPLE...
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AND YET TIME AFTER TIME, PEOPLE USED CHAKRA NOT TO...

...CONNECT WITH OTHERS, BUT ONLY TO LINK THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ENERGIES WITHIN THEMSELVES...

...AS A WAY TO AMPLIFY AND GREATLY INCREASE THE VOLUME OF ONE'S CHAKRA...

...AND CONVERT IT INTO NINJUTSU THAT COULD BE USED AS WEAPONS IN BATTLE.

I KNOW...

GAARA...

WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!

...REVERTING THINGS BACK TO THE WAY SIX PATHS' MOTHER KAGUYA HAD ORIGINALLY EMPLOYED CHAKRA.

IRONI-CALLY...

AND EVEN IF SOME MANAGED TO CONNECT HEARTS...

...ALL THEY LEARNED WAS THAT TRUE UNDERSTANDING WASN'T POSSIBLE.

THE SAGE'S ACTIONS ENDED UP MERELY FURTHERING THE HUMAN PARADOX.

AND THIS REALITY COMPELS INFINITE SUFFERING VIA THIS ***POWER KNOWN AS CHAKRA.***

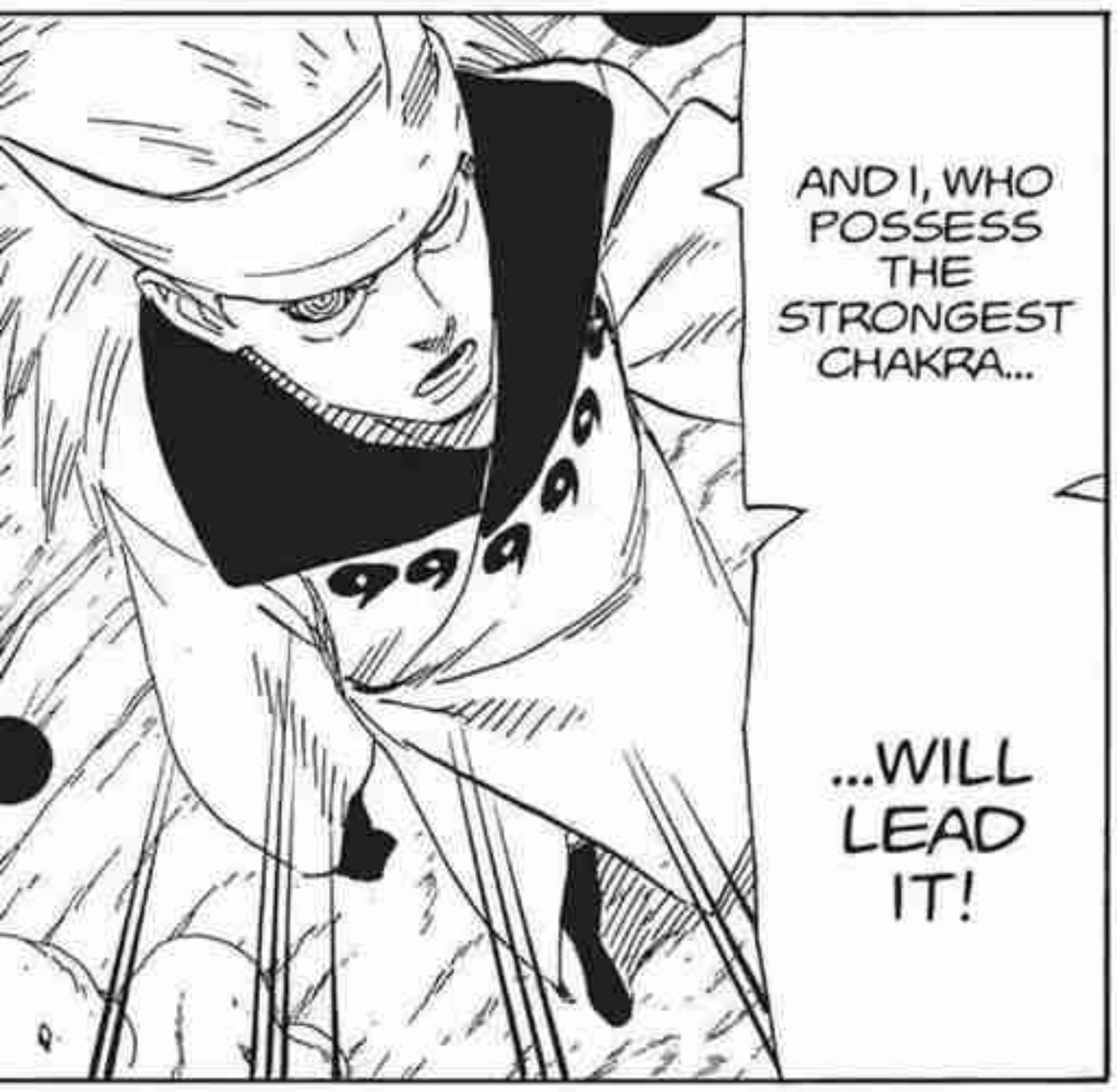
...WE WERE ALSO SEEKING WAR AT THE SAME TIME.

THE REALITY IS THAT WHILE YOU AND I BOTH CHASED AFTER PEACE...

EITHER WAY, CHAKRA ONLY GAVE RISE TO CONFLICT AND FALSE HOPE.

...AND THE LACK OF POWER LEADS TO LOSING ALL.

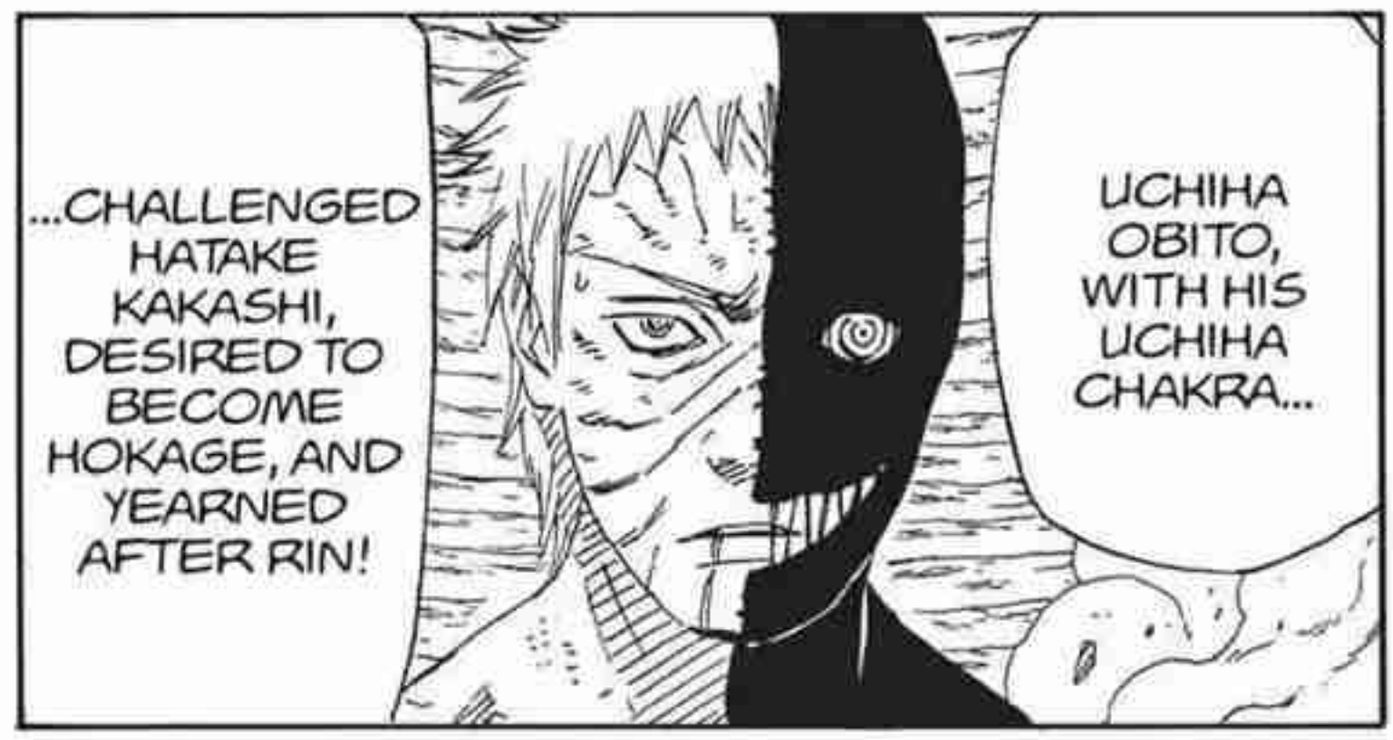
POWER LEADS TO A DESIRE FOR CONFLICT...


AND I, WHO POSSESS THE STRONGEST CHAKRA...
...WILL LEAD IT!

I SHALL CREATE A NEW WORLD THAT WILL OVERCOME THAT!
THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI WILL PRODUCE A DREAM WORLD WITHOUT ANY ABOMINABLE CHAKRA!

NOT OBITO!
YOU ARE ME!

THIS IS HELL!
HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN?!
FSH

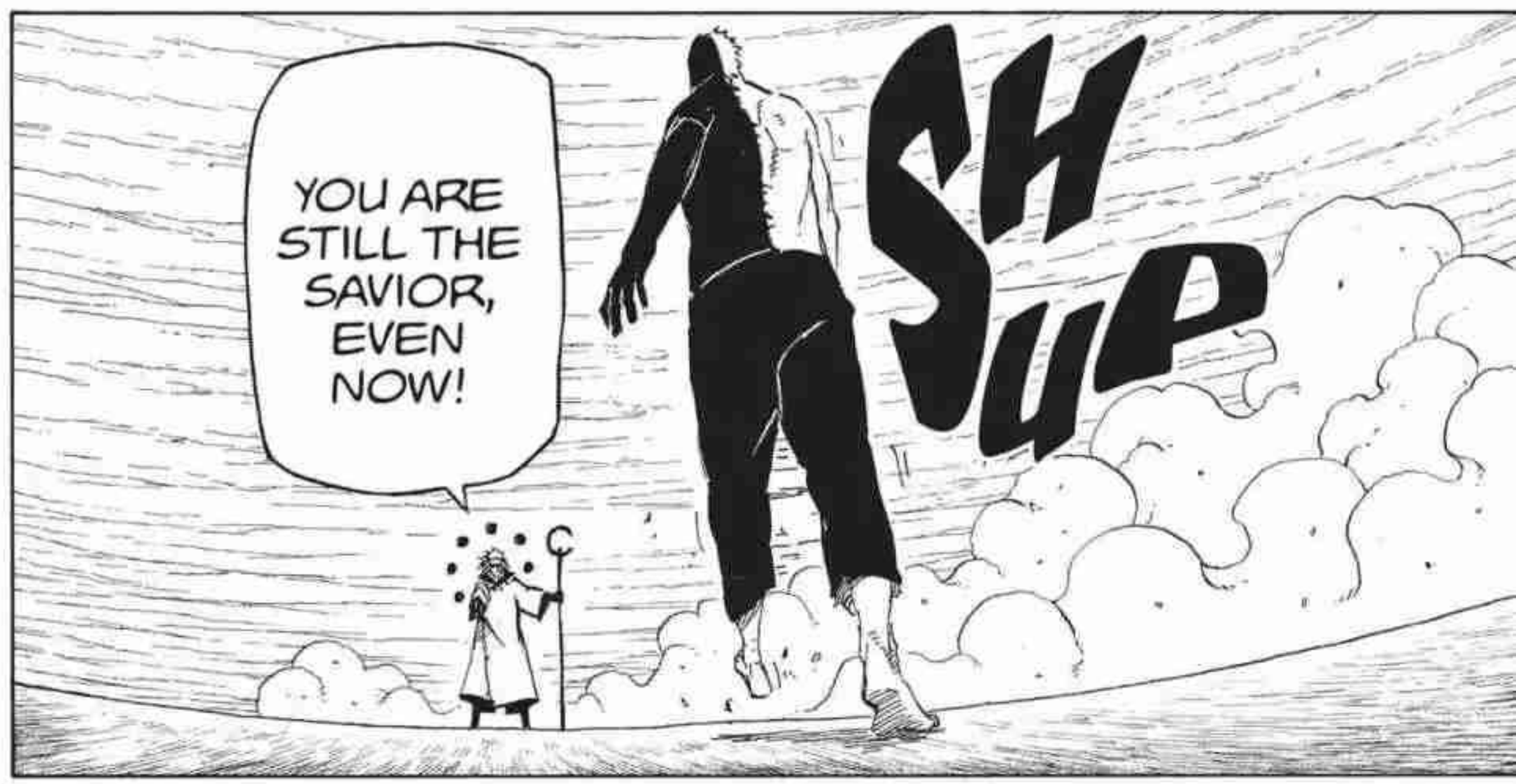

...CHALLENGED HATAKE KAKASHI, DESIRED TO BECOME HOKAGE, AND YEARNED AFTER RIN!
UCHIHA OBITO, WITH HIS UCHIHA CHAKRA...

BUT BECAUSE HIS POWER WAS A DECEPTION, HE LOST EVERYTHING!!

COME! YES, YOU, MADARA!

COME HERE!

STARTING TODAY, YOU SHALL BE THE SAVIOR.
SLAP


YOU ARE STILL THE SAVIOR, EVEN NOW!
SLAP

SAGE JUTSU...

SWOO...

SWOO...

SHKEEN

KAMUI!!

THK

SAND WAVE!!!

BAM

!

TWO

TWP

TWP

OSH...

...RASENGAN!!

ZW

HAP
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!!!

THUD

ARGH !!

THUK

!!!

SLAM

SLAM

SWOOO

TMP

NOW ...

SHUP

SHUP

N-NO WAY...

SHUP

SHUP

SWOOOOO...

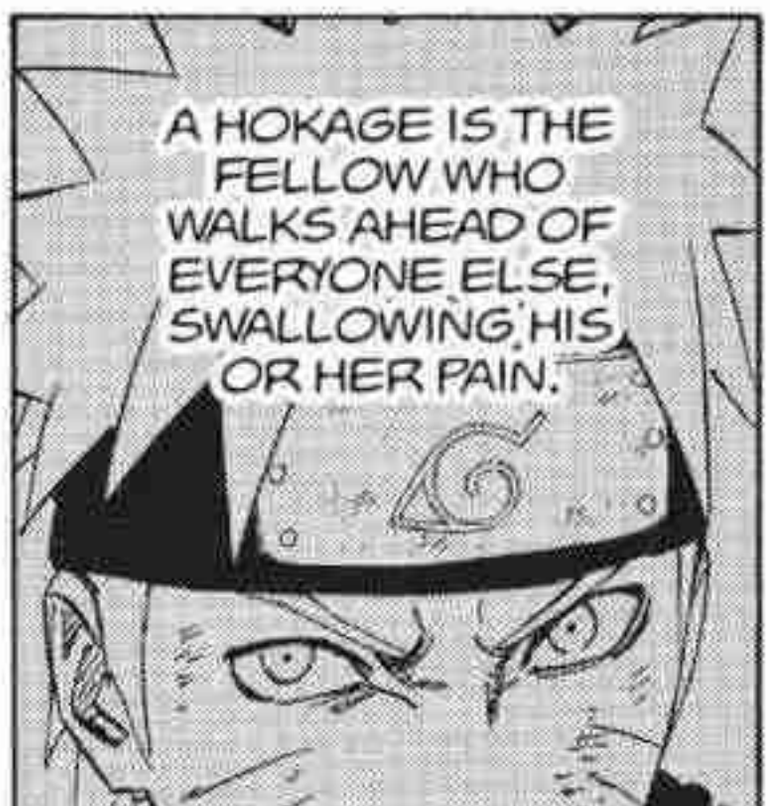
FSH

?!!

ZWUB

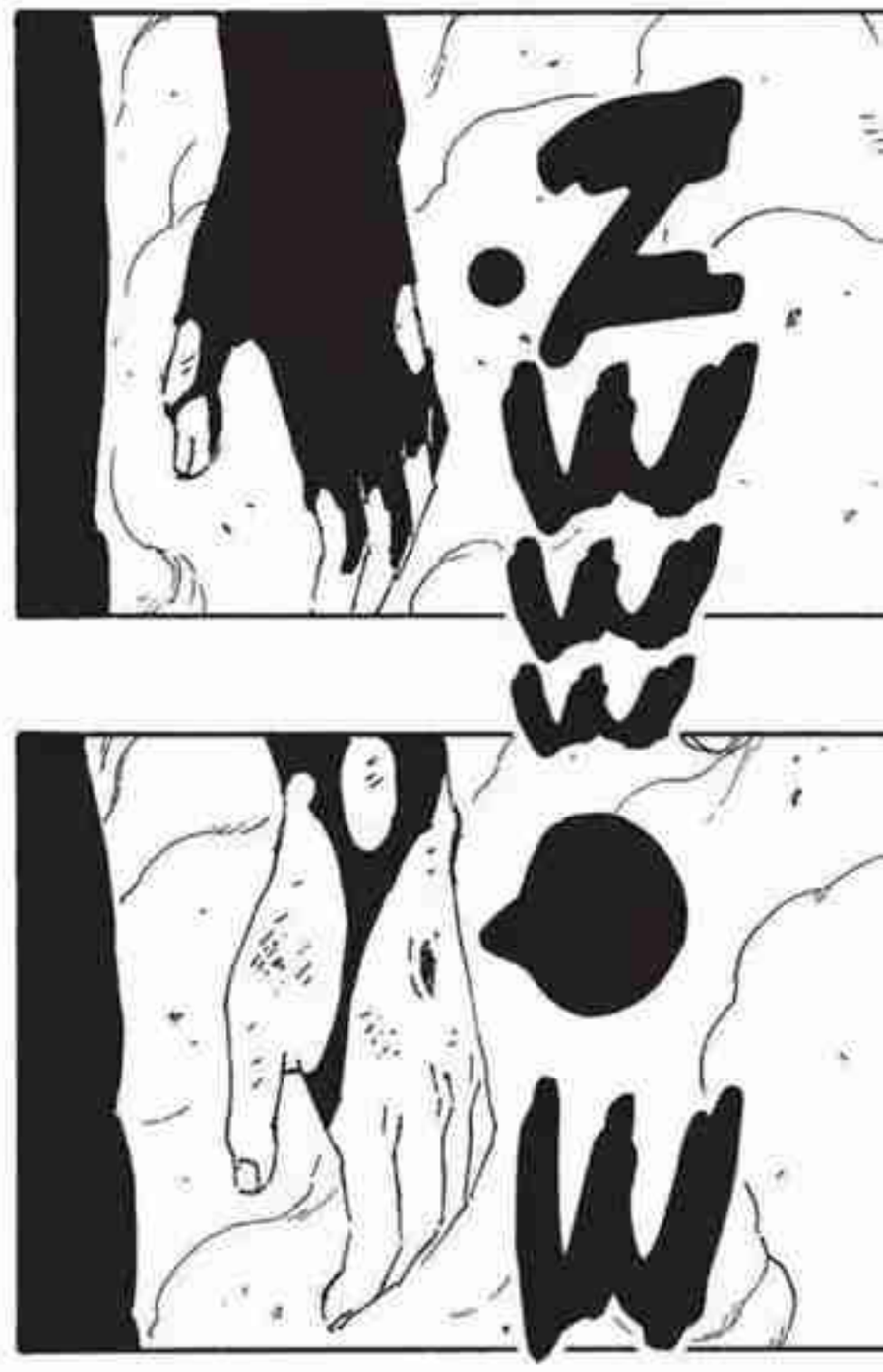
NO... WHAT I AM DOING IS NO DIFFERENT THAN A HOKAGE'S ACTIONS.

IN FACT, IT IS MUCH MORE... FOR I CAN TRULY BRING ABOUT PEACE.



...EVEN IF THEIR OWN ENDS UP BEING STEPPED ON...

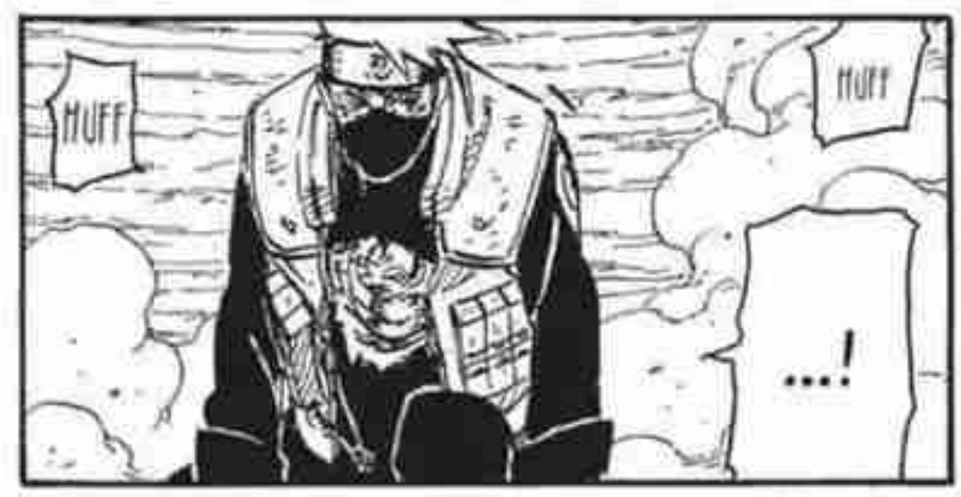
THOSE WHO LEAD OTHERS... NEVER STEP OVER THEIR COMRADES' CORPSES...

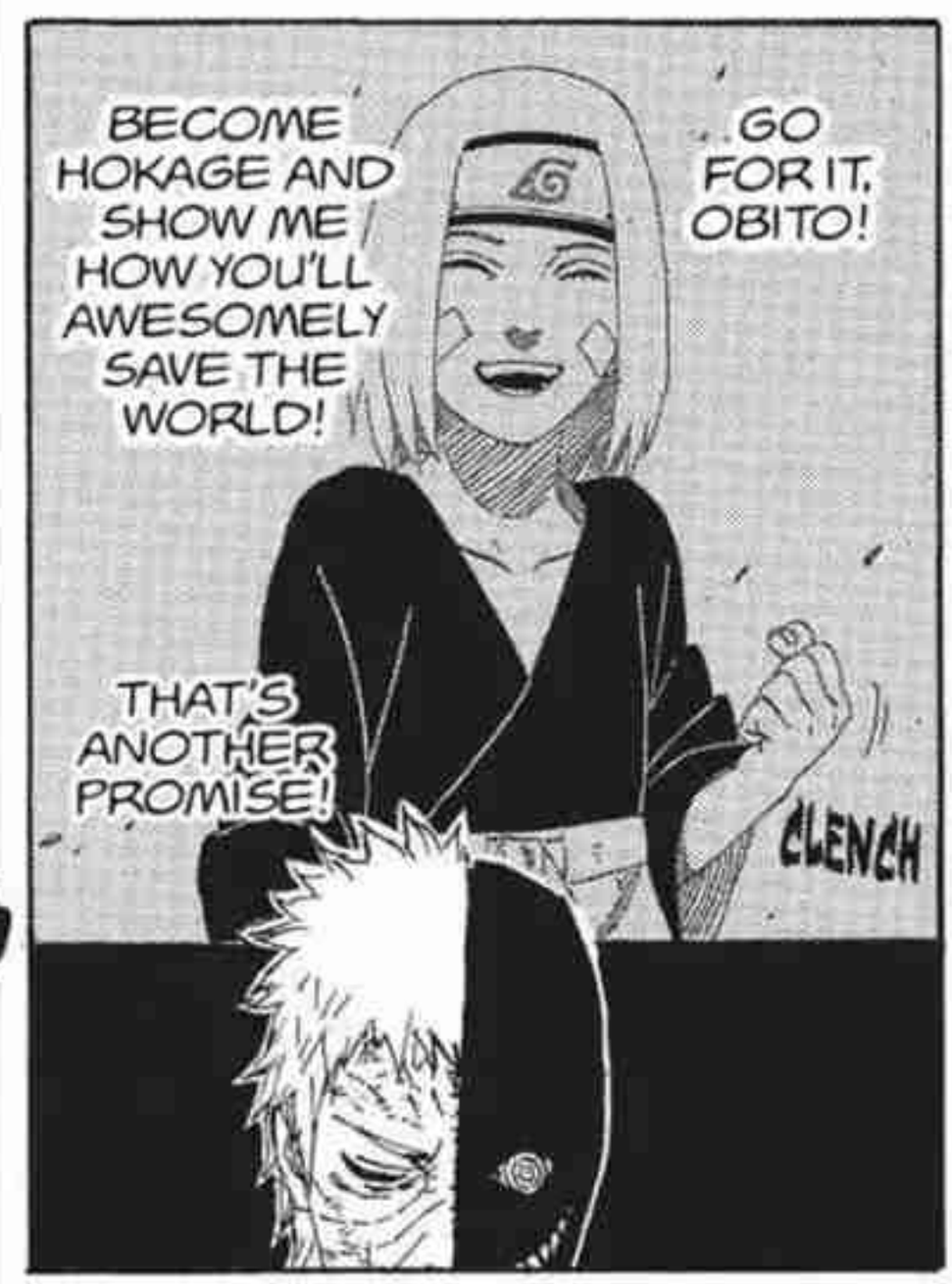


THE CURRENT ME IS HE WHO WANTED TO BE HOKAGE...

...UCHIHA OBITO!

THOOM





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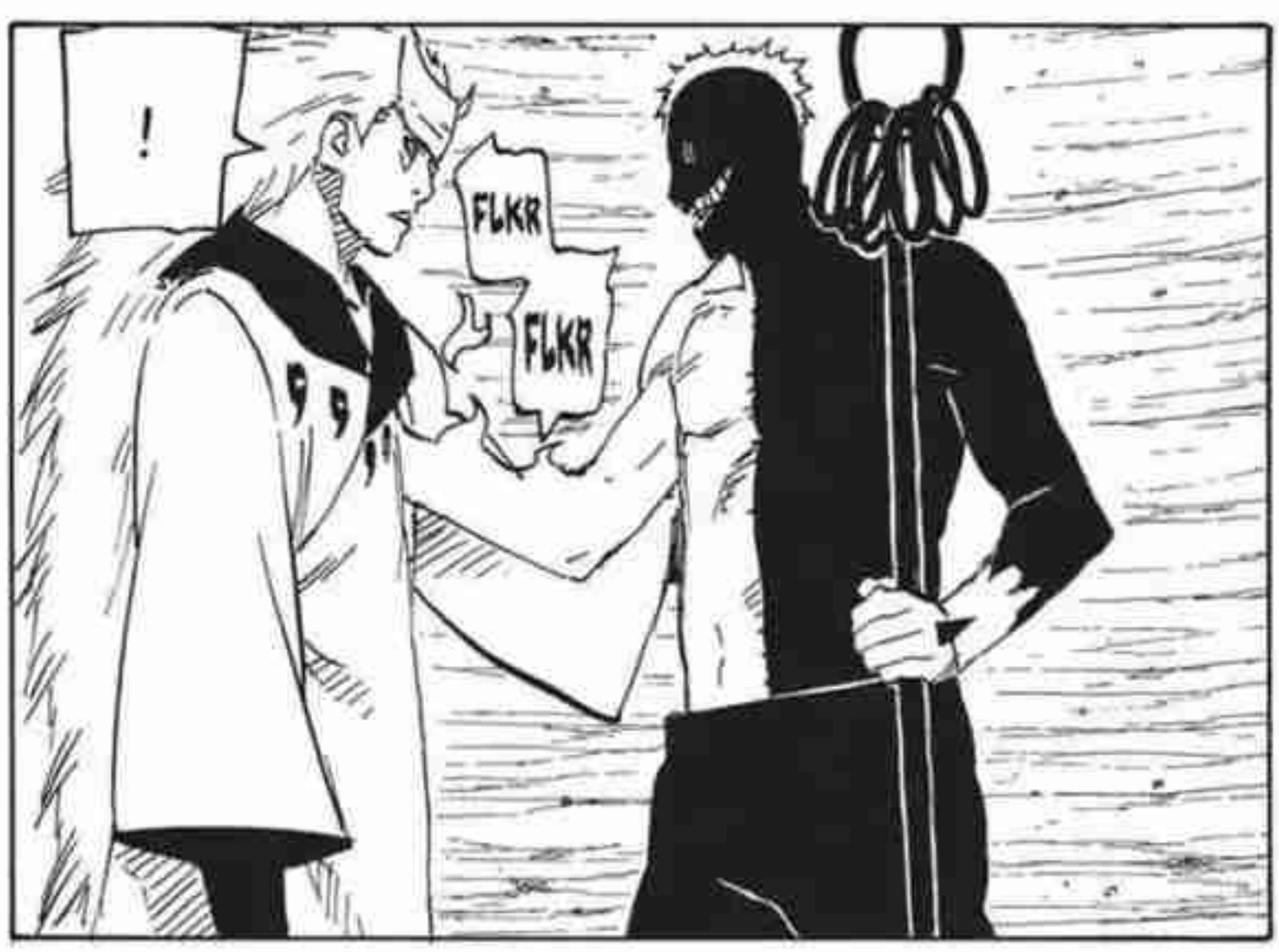

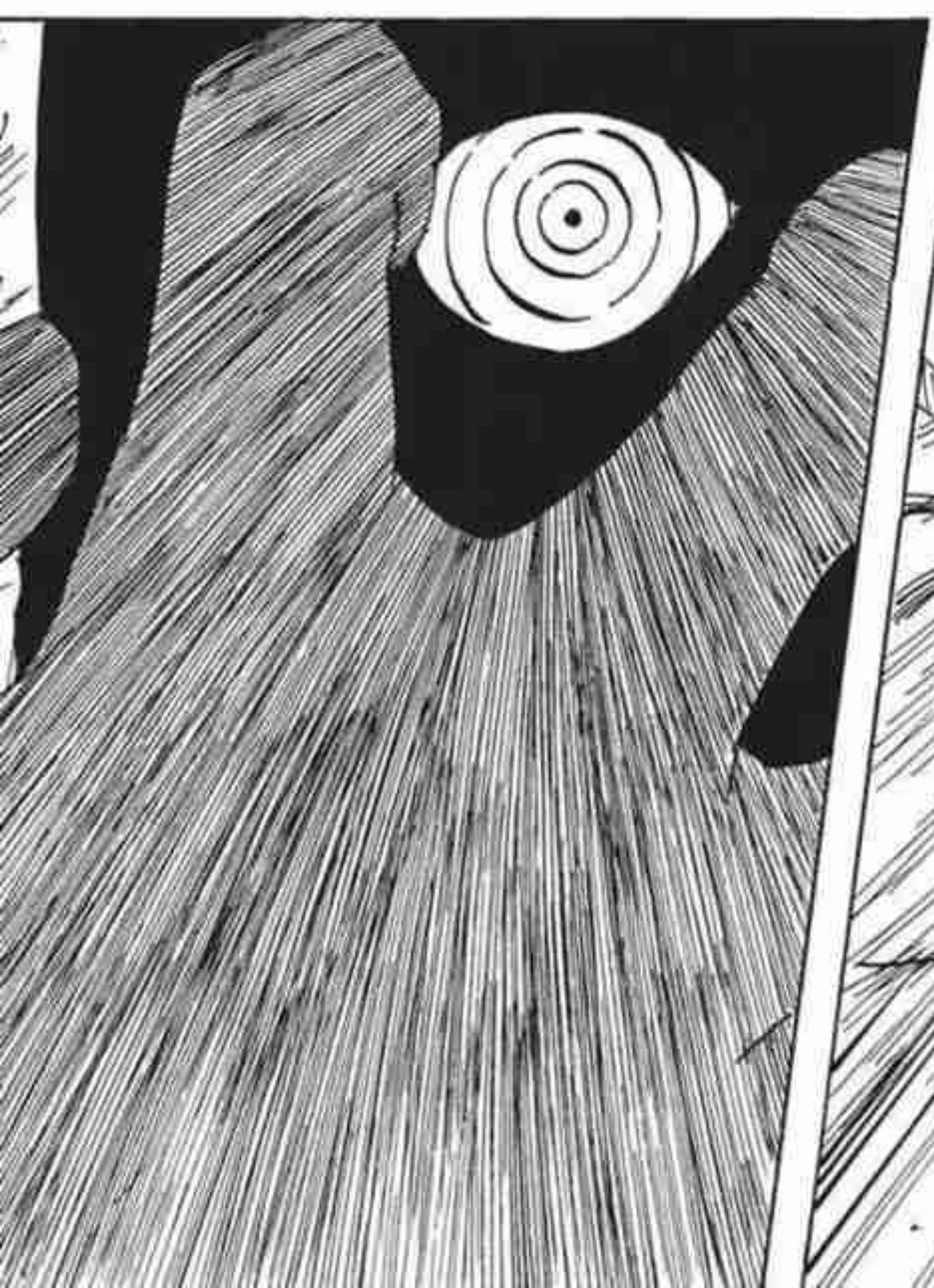

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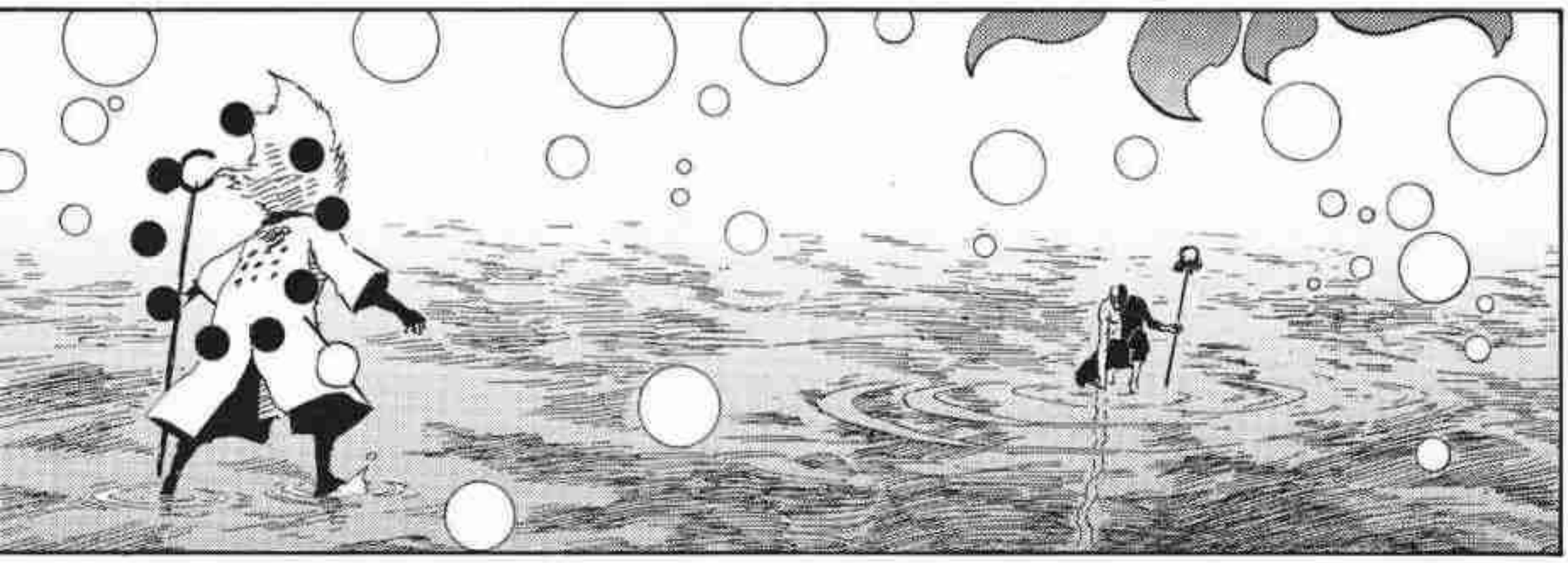
THAT'S YOUR RIGHT EYE'S POWER.
I PASSED THROUGH YOU...
SPLATCH
BY
O...N

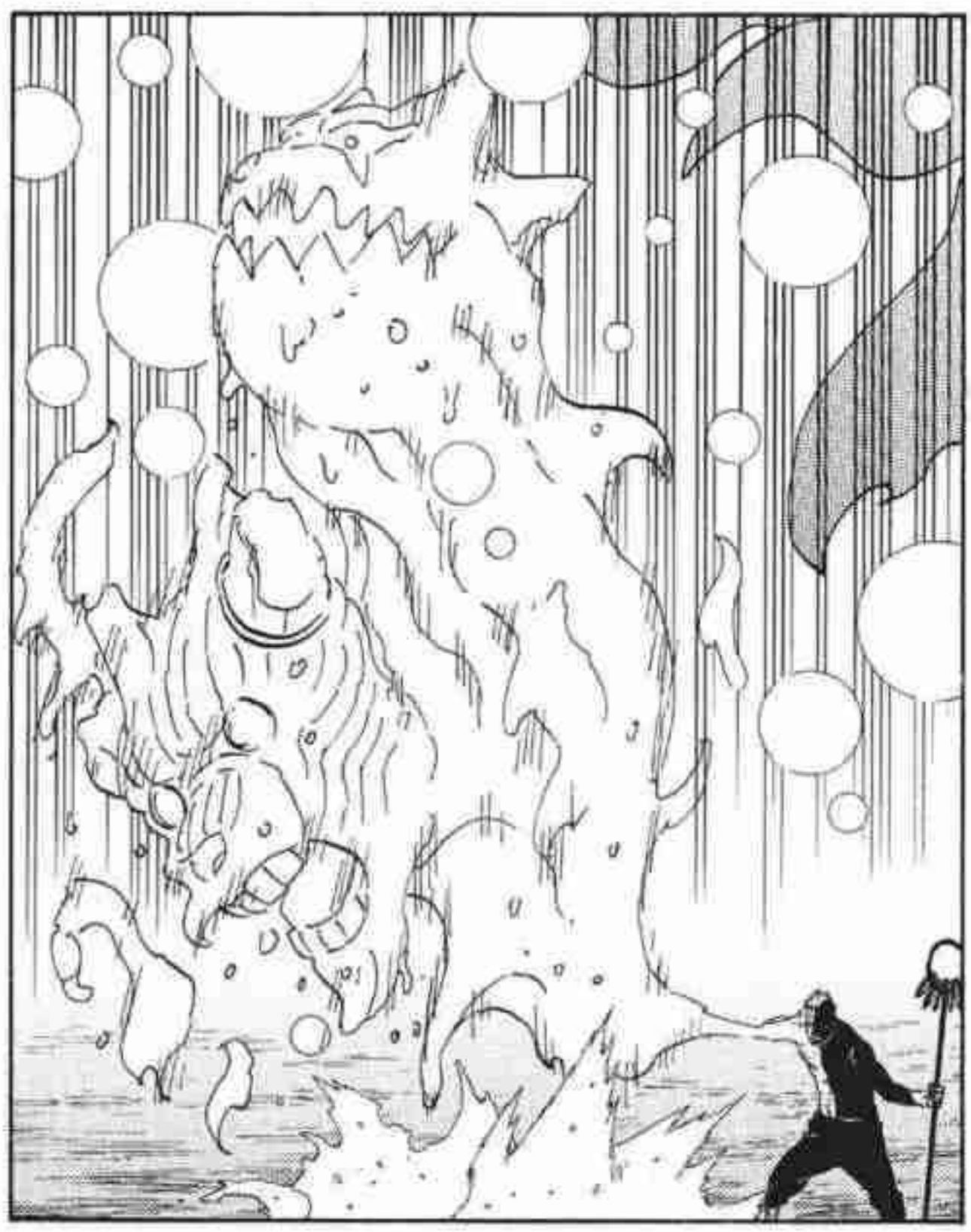


GLUB
GLUB
GLUB

!!
STRAIN

HOW CAN YOU THINK YOU COULD WIN AGAINST ME?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO EXTRACT THE BIJU AND WEAKEN ME?

SPLASH



YOINK

YOU'RE WEAK.
YOU ONLY GRABBED A SMALL PIECE OF ONE TAIL AND EIGHT TAILS!

GRIP...

WOP

?!
WWW
WWW

OBITO PLANS TO HAND HIM NINE TAILS IN THERE!
KAMUI!

KAKASHI!! TAKE NARUTO INTO OUR TIME-SPACE!!
!!

I KNOW THAT YOUR BODY MATERIALIZES WHEN YOU TELEPORT!
WWW
WWW
PWOOSH

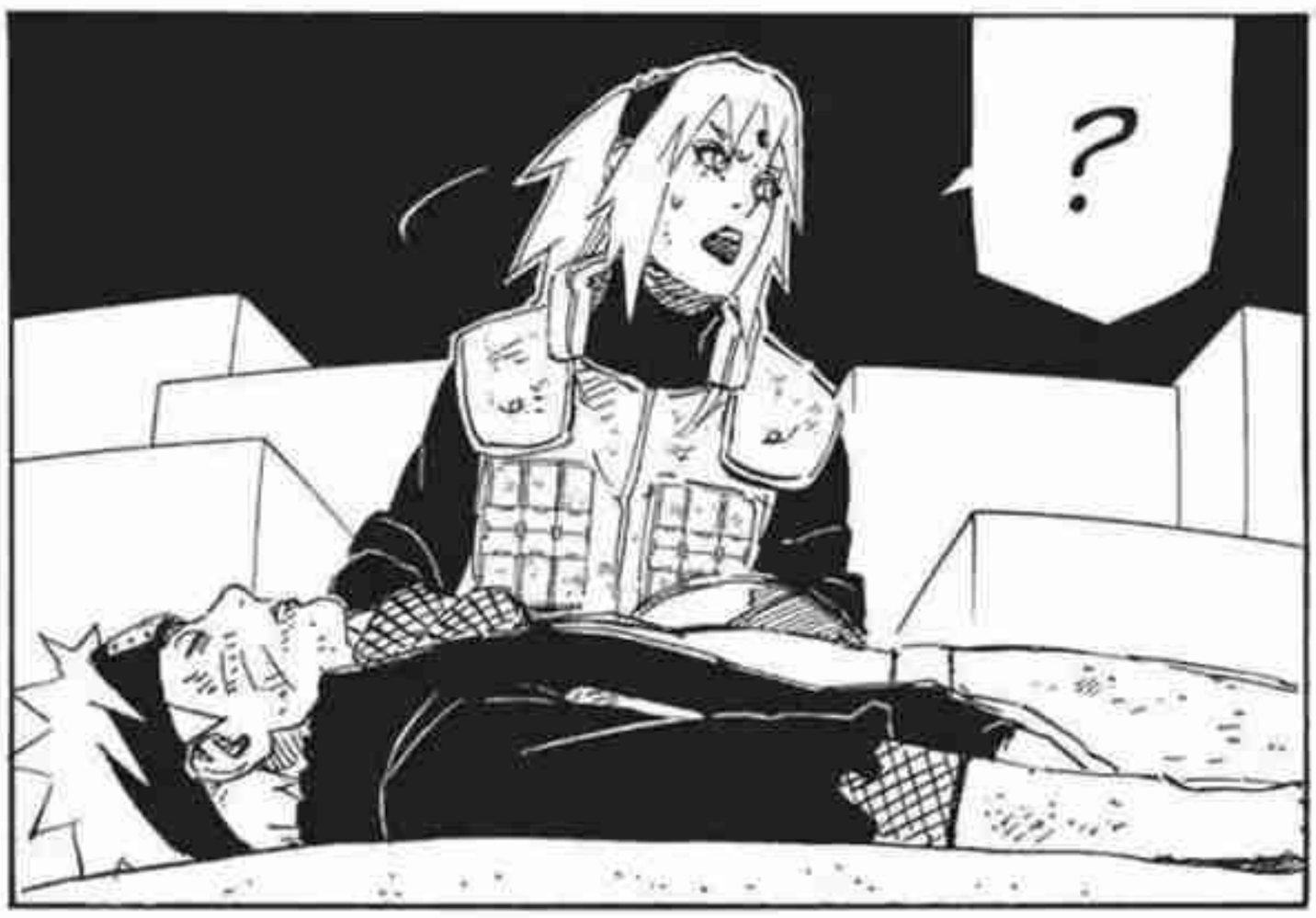
KAMUI!
WWW
WWW

THK

THK

MY TRANSFER SPEED'S TOO SLOW...
IF I TRY TO TELEPORT... HE'LL COME AFTER ME.

BOM
SKIIID
BOM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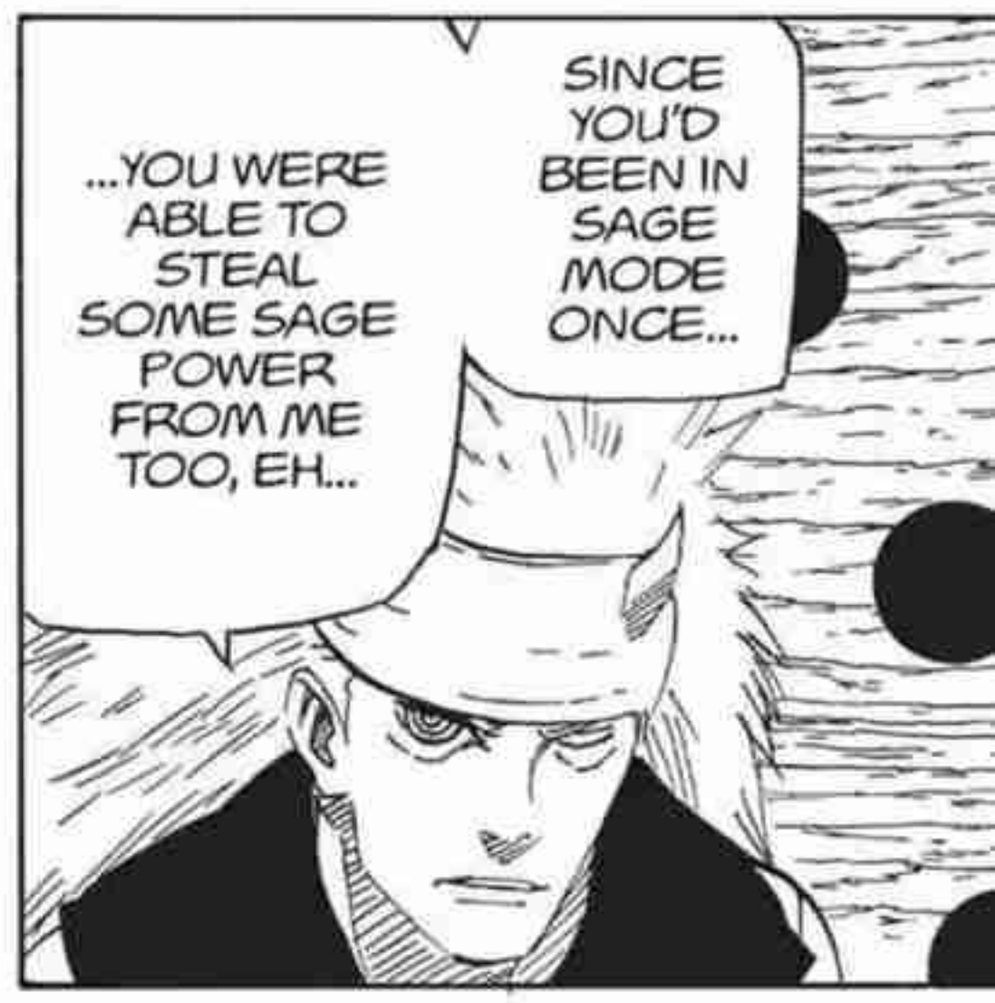
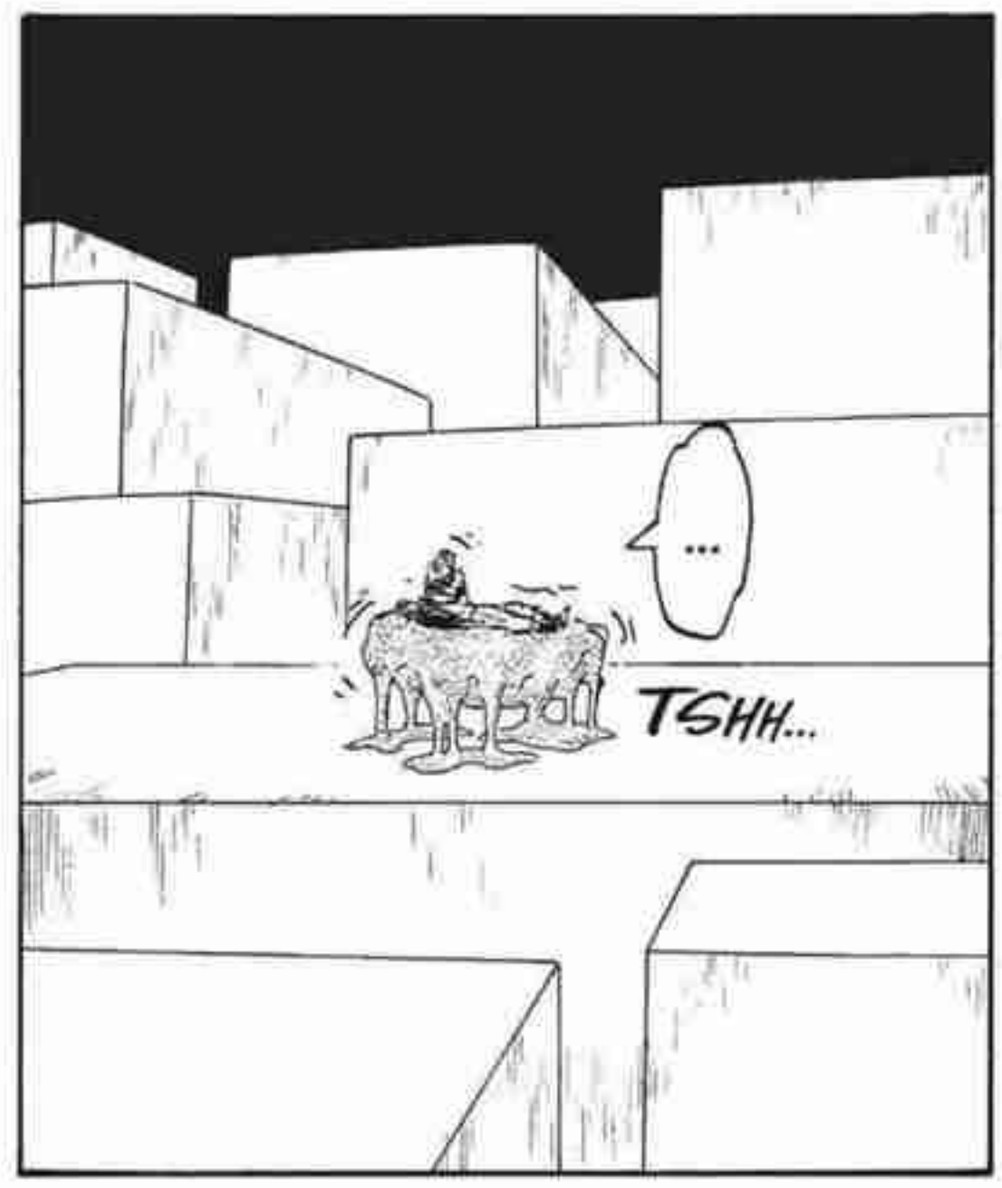

...YOU WERE ABLE TO STEAL SOME SAGE POWER FROM ME TOO, EH...
SINCE YOU'D BEEN IN SAGE MODE ONCE...

...A CLASS APART!!
HE'S... OF ALL THE PEOPLE, HE'S...
HUFF
HUFF

I WAS SO TERRIFIED, I FORGOT TO BREATHE!!
MADARA COULD'VE KILLED ME AT ANY POINT!
GASP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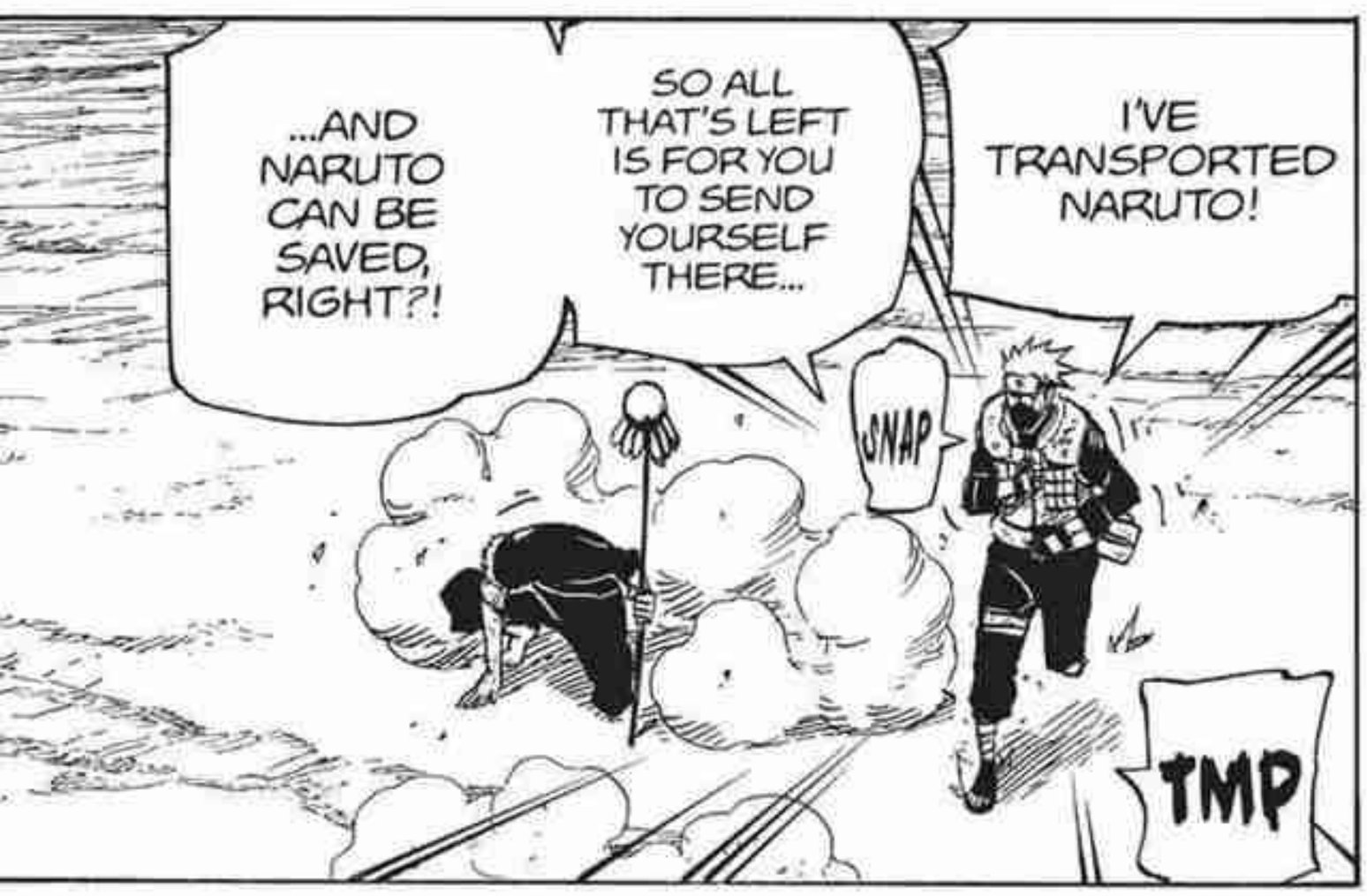
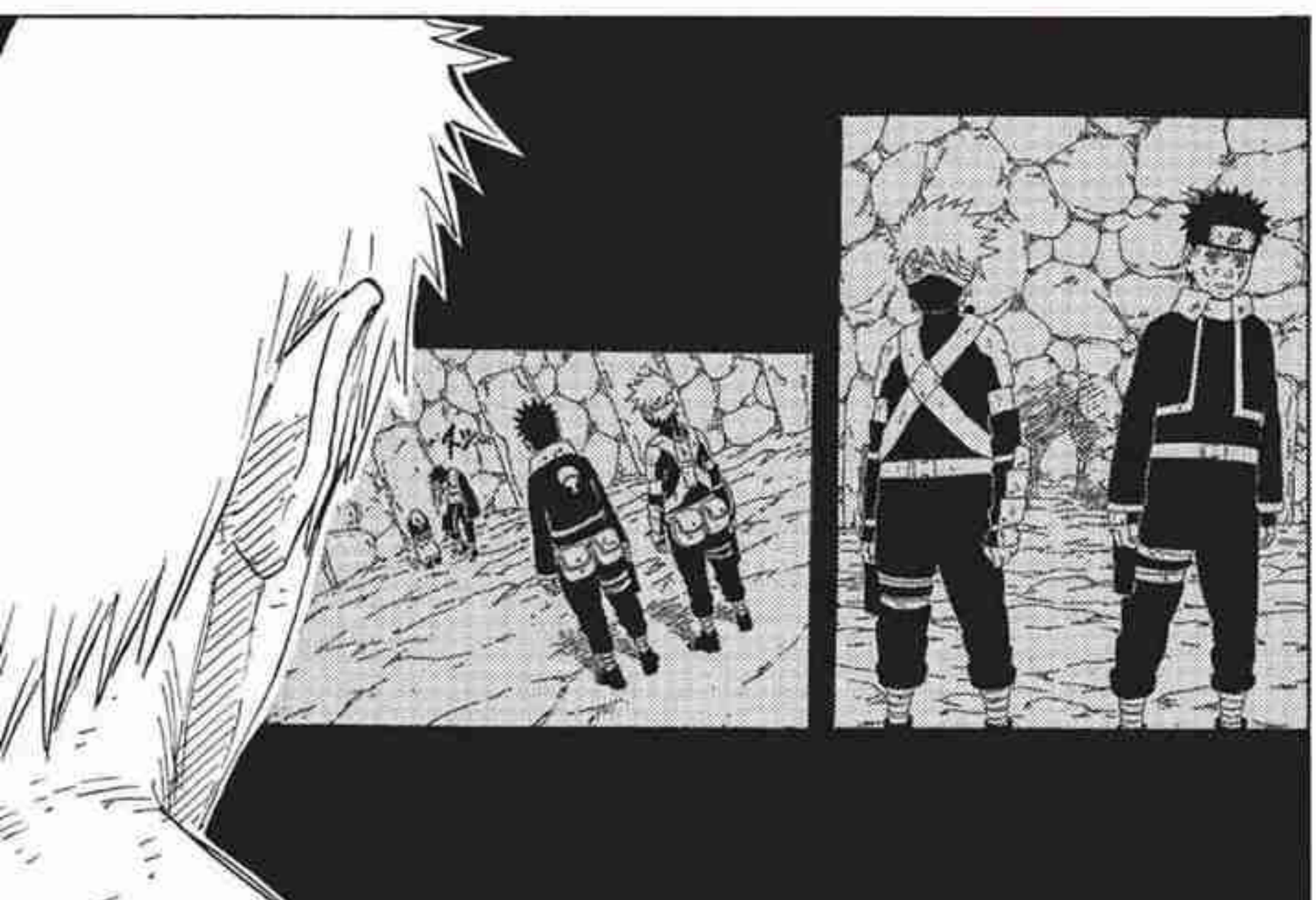
TSHH...


...AND NARUTO CAN BE SAVED, RIGHT?!
SO ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR YOU TO SEND YOURSELF THERE...
I'VE TRANSPORTED NARUTO!
SNAP
TMP

SWOO...
...
SWOO...

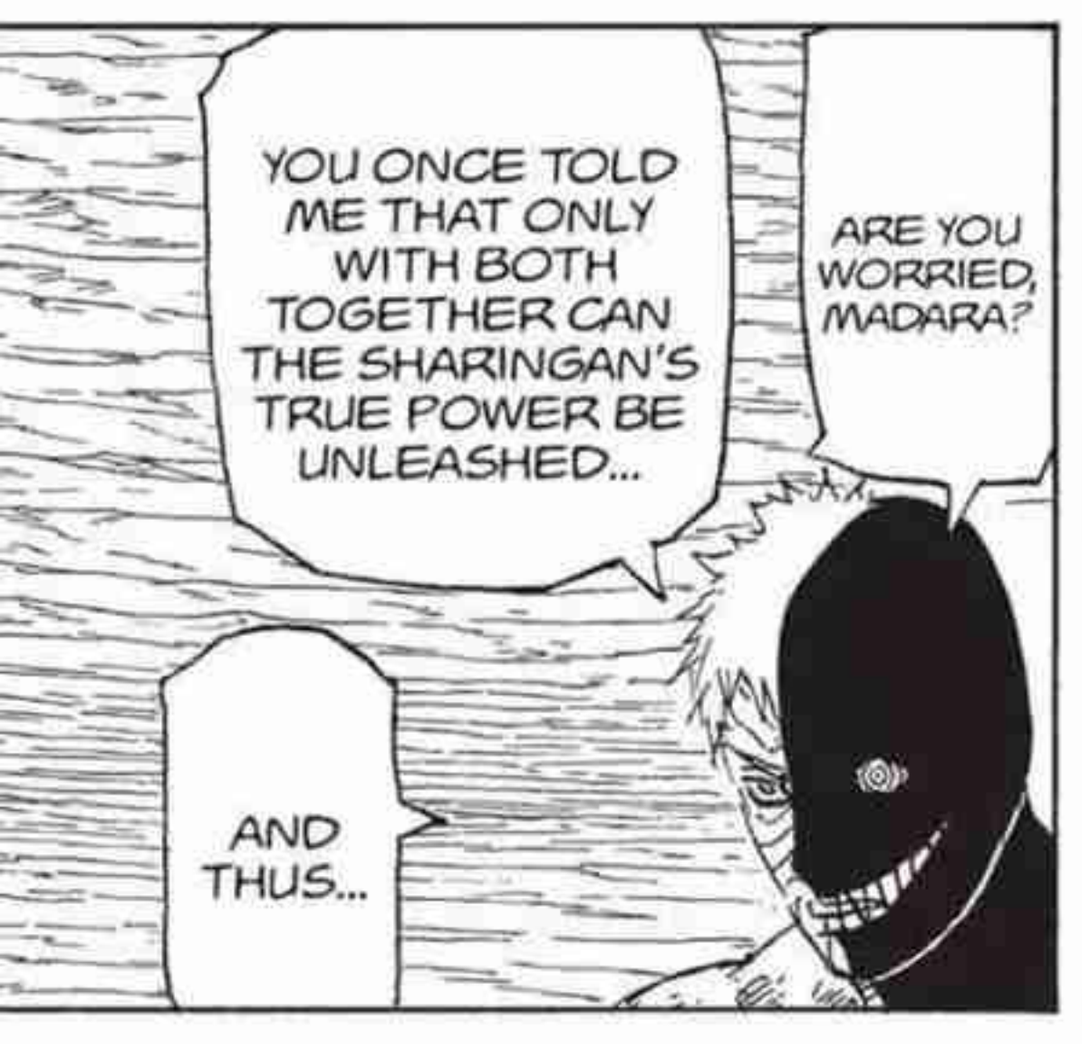


THIS TIME, I'LL TAKE POINT...
YEAH, I GOT IT.
FSH

YOU'LL BE MY BACKUP, KAKASHI.

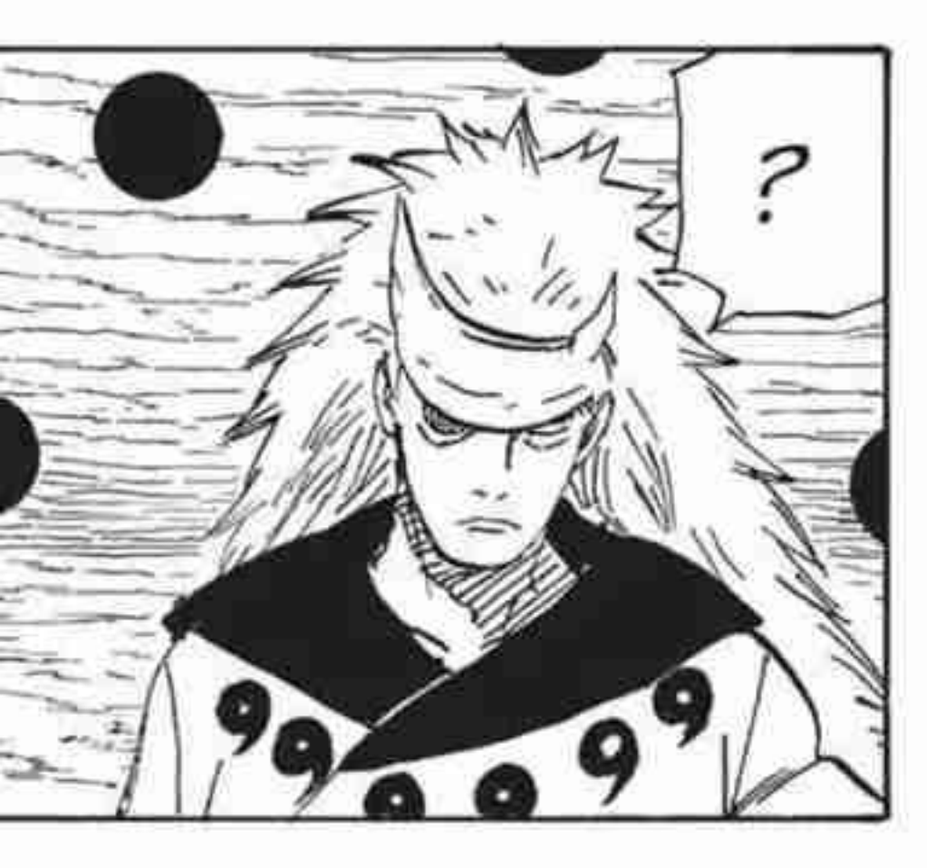
OUR FIRST TAG TEAM IN A WHILE.

DON'T STUMBLE, OBITO.


YOU ONCE TOLD ME THAT ONLY WITH BOTH TOGETHER CAN THE SHARINGAN'S TRUE POWER BE UNLEASHED...
ARE YOU WORRIED, MADARA?
AND THUS...

I'LL HAVE YOU RETURN TO ME EVERYTHING I'D LOANED YOU.
OBITO ...
ESPECIALLY MY LEFT EYE...

OBITO... KAKASHI...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THOSE ARE RINNEGAN, NOT JUST SHARINGAN.
YOU'RE WRONG.
NO, YOU'RE WRONG...

I'M TALKING ABOUT THESE EYES!

WE'RE FINALLY ALL TOGETHER!

I TOLD YOU! A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED ALONG THE WAY!!

WALK A STRAIGHT LINE!

HOW COME YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO TAKE A REAL ROUNDABOUT ROUTE, EH?!

YOU BABBLE WAY TOO MUCH, YOURSELF!!

SHADDUP, MISTER HIDE-MY-MOUTH-BEHIND-A-MASK!!

AND IT'S A MOOT POINT RIGHT NOW ANYWAY!

I DON'T THINK ***YOUR*** SHARINGAN WILL EVER BE USEFUL!

THEY'RE NOT FALLING INTO LINE AT ALL, ARE THEY...?

NOT YOU AGAIN, BEAST FACE!

A MATCH, KAKASHI!!

GO AWAY!!

TMP

ARGH... MY CLASSMATES ARE JUST TOO MUCH...

BUT MASTER...

TRUE...

AND I'VE ALREADY DISCOVERED THAT MY ATTACKS ARE FASTER THAN THEIR KAMUI'S TRANSFER SPEED.

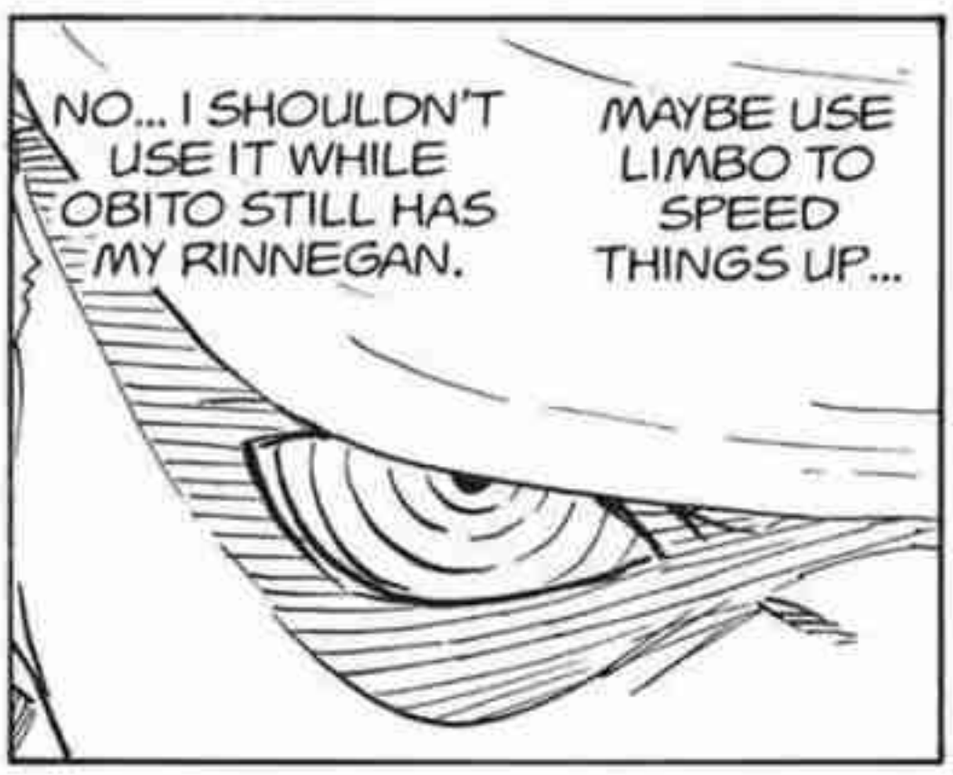
OBITO HAS MY RINNEGAN AND NINE TAILS... SO AS LONG AS I DON'T LET HIM TELEPORT AWAY TO HIS TIME-SPACE...

W W W W W W W W W W

...

I BET ONE OF THEM WILL TRY TO DISTRACT ME WHILE THE OTHER PERFORMS THE KAMUI.

EITHER OBITO WILL TELEPORT HIMSELF OR HAVE KAKASHI TELEPORT HIM.



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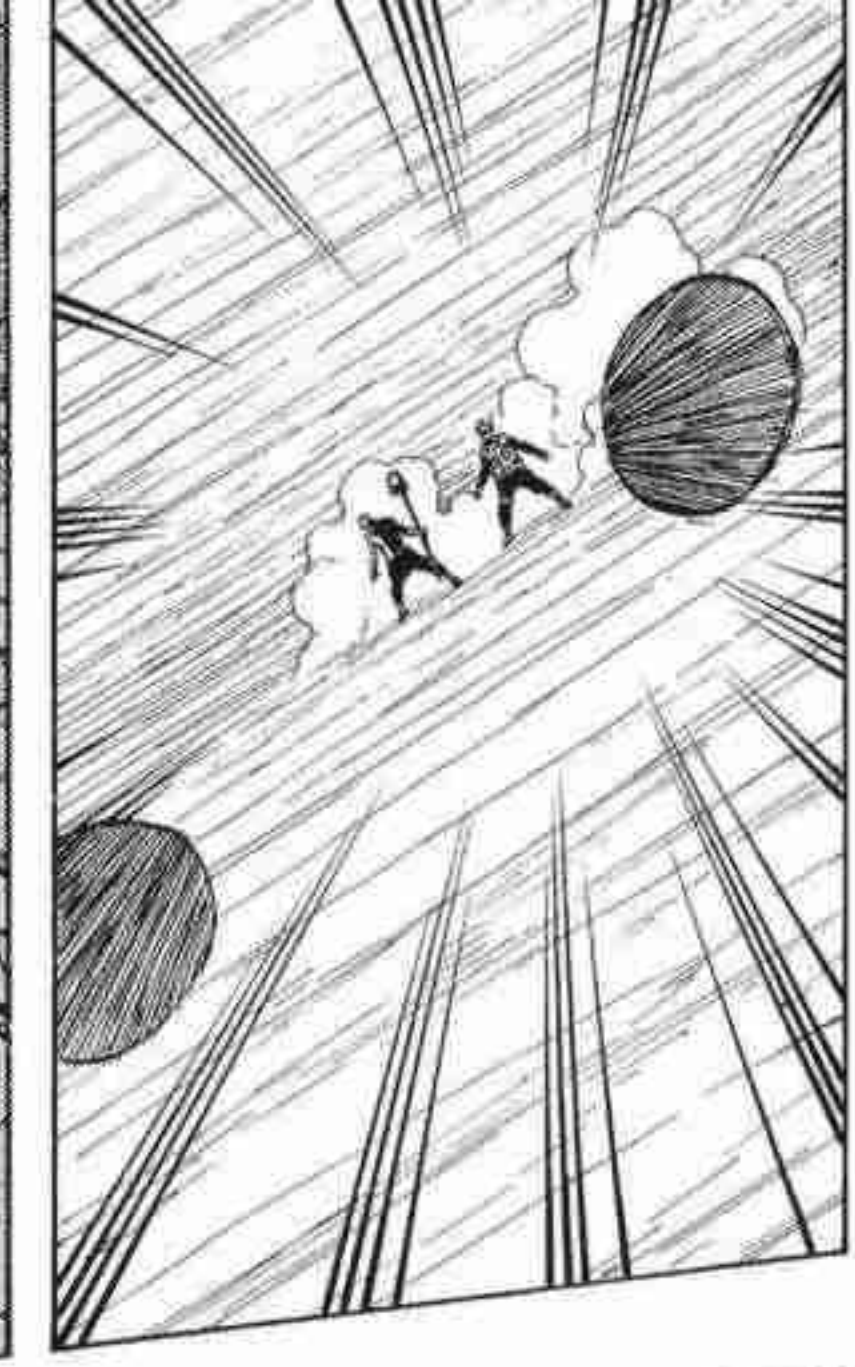
I'LL MAKE THE TWO OF THEM FALL IN LINE!
LET ME HANDLE THIS!

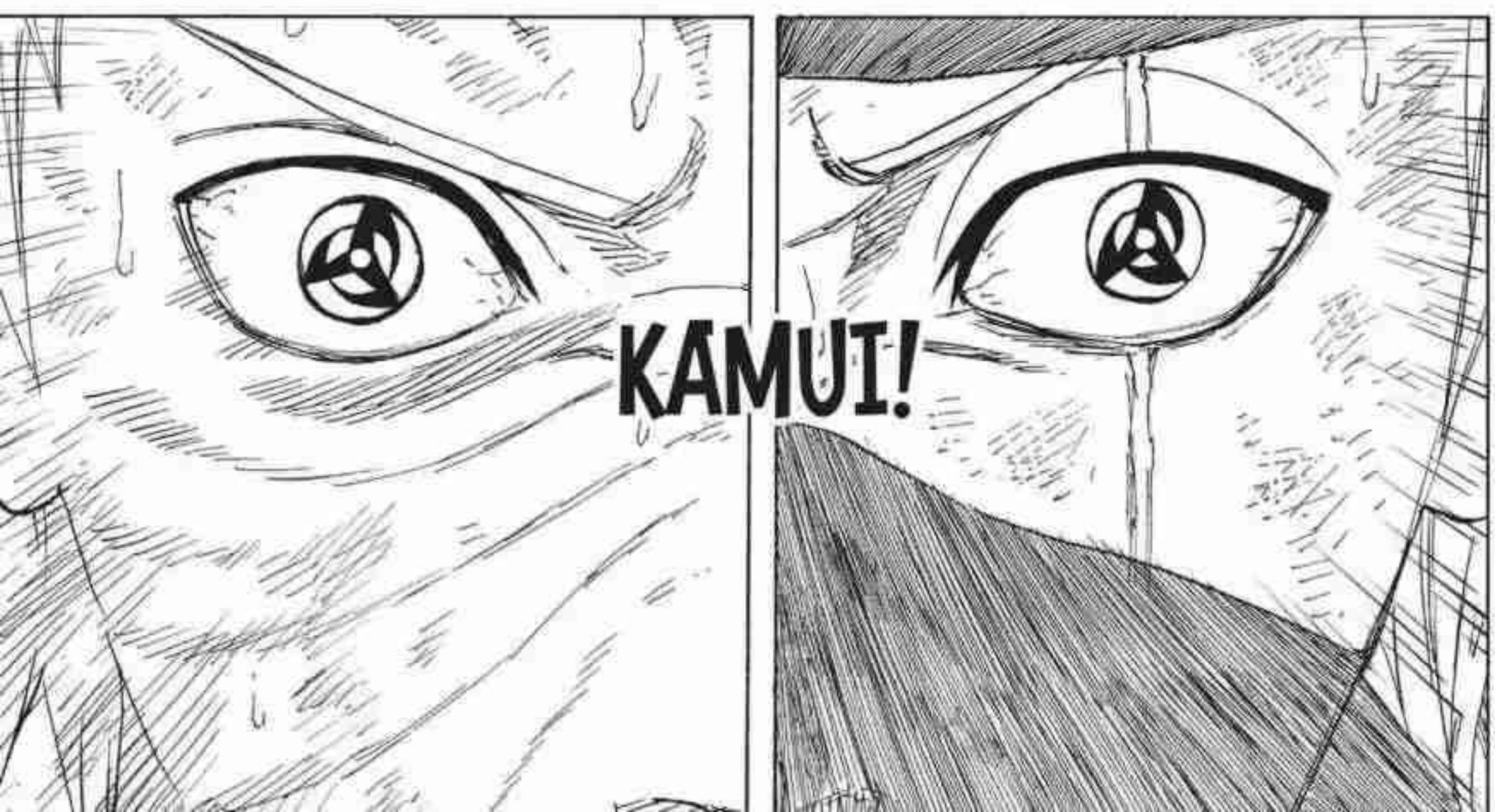


LURCH
!!
BUT MASTER...
WHUD

TMP

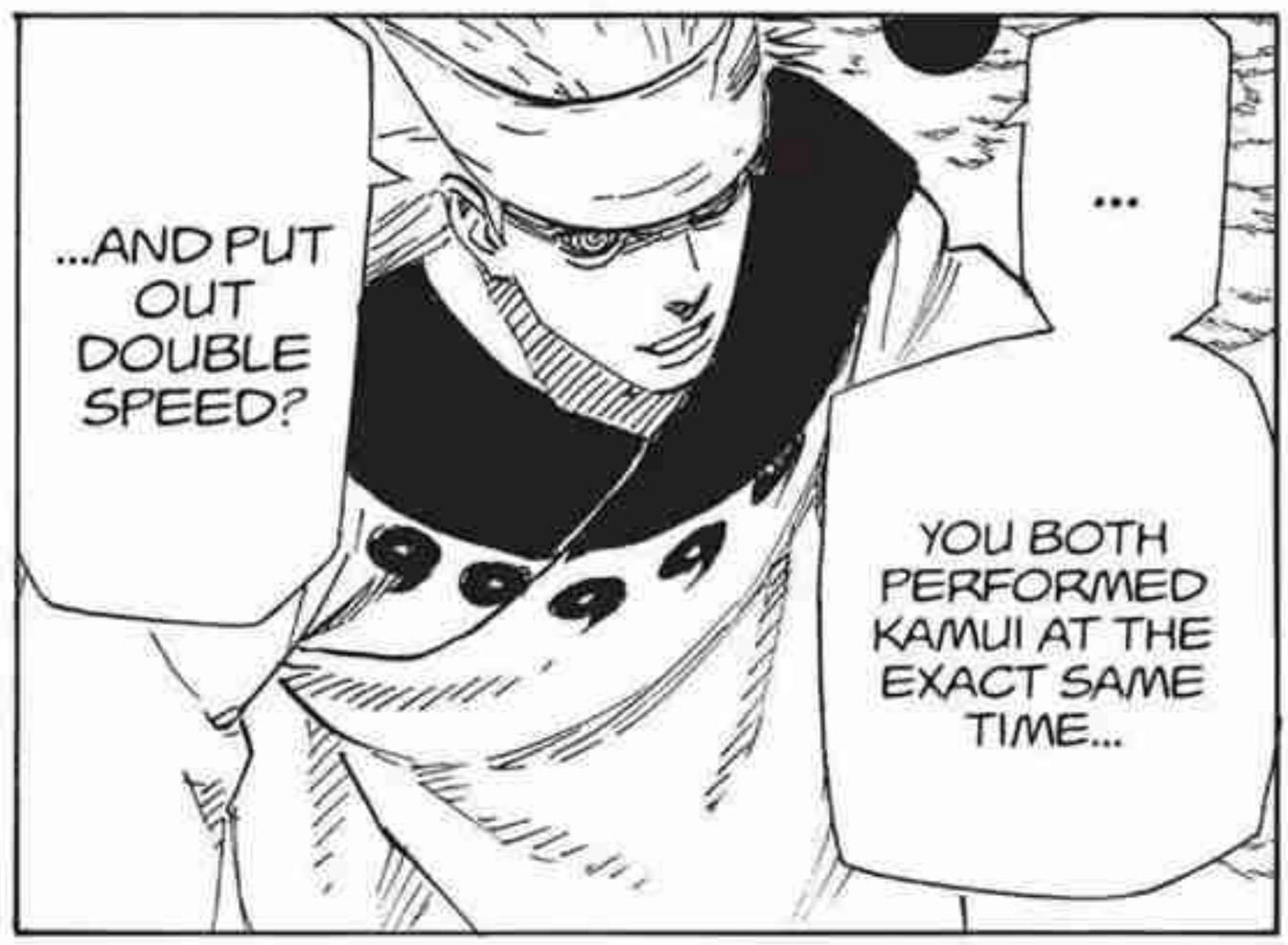
TMP

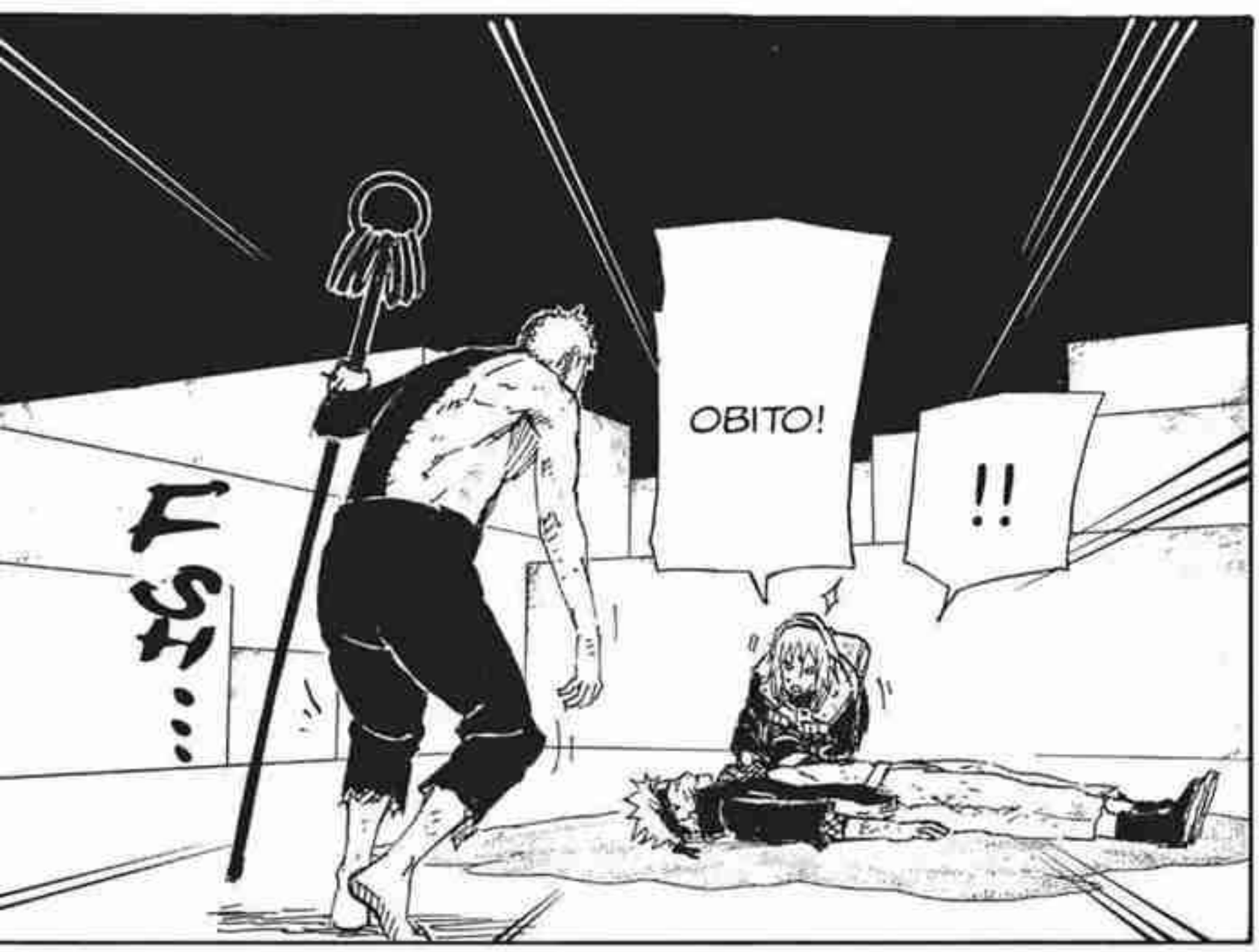
WAG
WAG
...BOTH OF YOU!!
LET'S GO...


KAMUI!

ZIP

AND...
DO WELL BY MY SON, OBITO!


...AND PUT OUT DOUBLE SPEED?
...
YOU BOTH PERFORMED KAMUI AT THE EXACT SAME TIME...


OBITO!
!!
ISH...

THUMP

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO WALK A STRAIGHT PATH...

CAN I TRUST YOU?!!

I'M HERE TO HELP NARUTO.
DON'T WORRY.

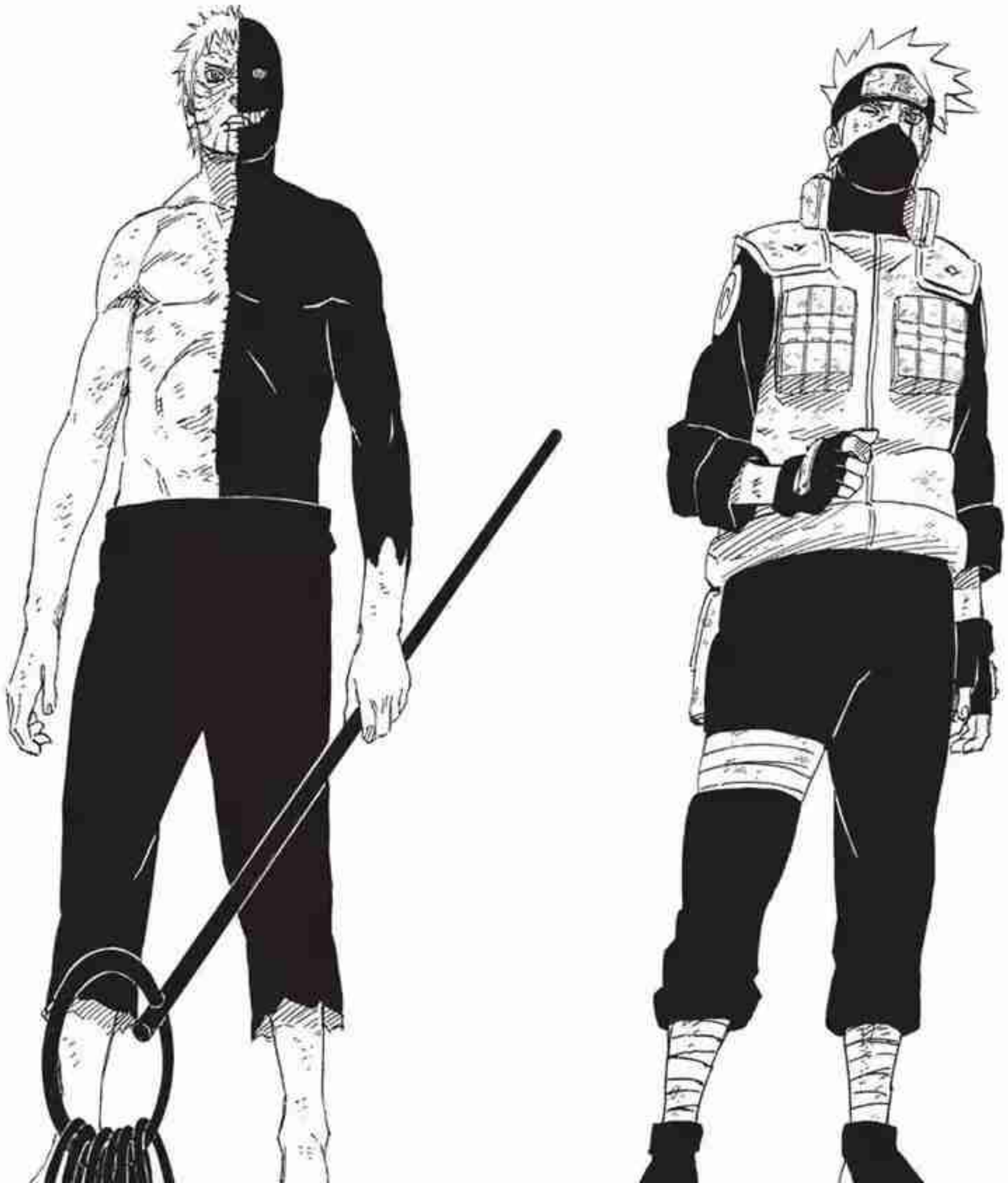
WOOSH

...BUT I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN ...
...TO WHERE I NEEDED TO GO.
SQUA...

YOU ALL RIGHT, KAKASHI?!

...GUY!!

RRUMBLE



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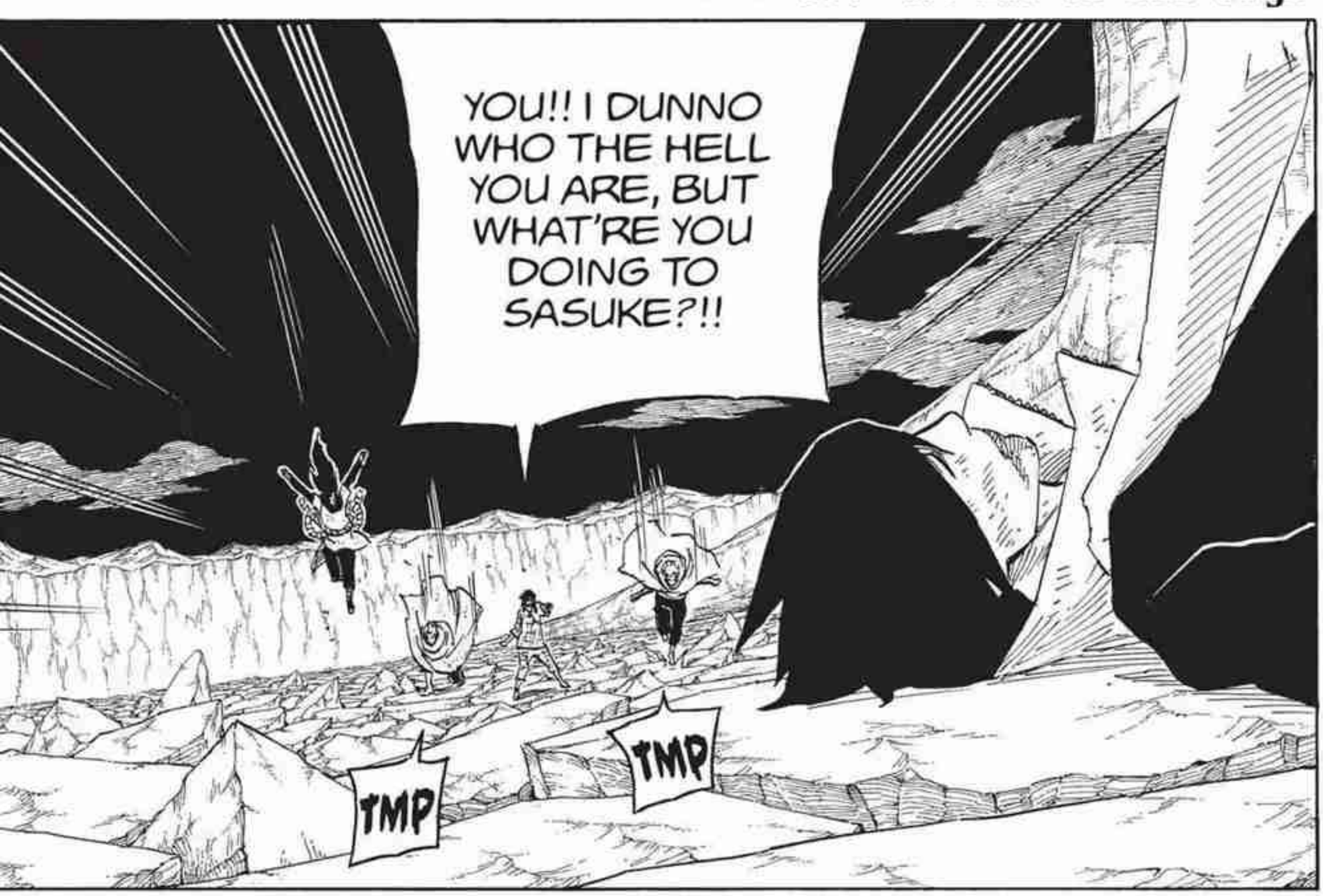
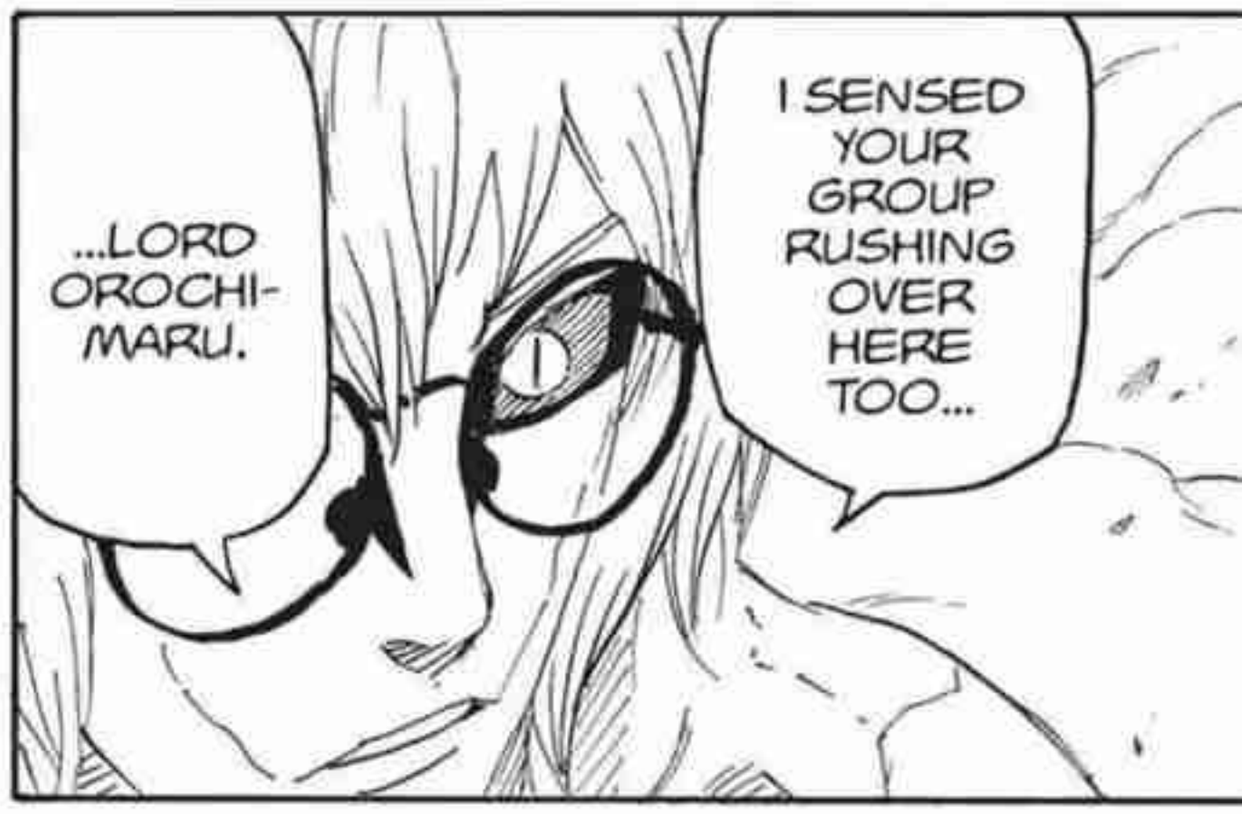


...KABUTO.


...LORD OROCHI-MARU.
I SENSED YOUR GROUP RUSHING OVER HERE TOO...

I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT RECOGNIZING HIM, KARIN.
WELL, HE DID TAKE INTO HIMSELF SENJUTSU CHAKRA AS WELL AS ALL SORTS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S CHAKRA...
I WONDER IF HIS CHAKRA HAS A NASTY FEEL TO IT BECAUSE HE STILL HAS SOME OF *MINE* INSIDE HIM?
HIS APPEARANCE TOO.

BUT HIS CHAKRA'S DIFFERENT !?
THAT'S KABUTO?!
?!

AND YOU?
WHAT...HAVE YOU COME HERE TO DO, LORD OROCHIMARU?

STEP AWAY FROM SASUKE, YOU EGGHEAD CREEP!
OR...

...

AND WOULD THAT MAKE YOU KABUKE OR SASUTO?
MISTER KABUTO... YOU DON'T INTEND TO ABSORB SASUKE, DO YOU?

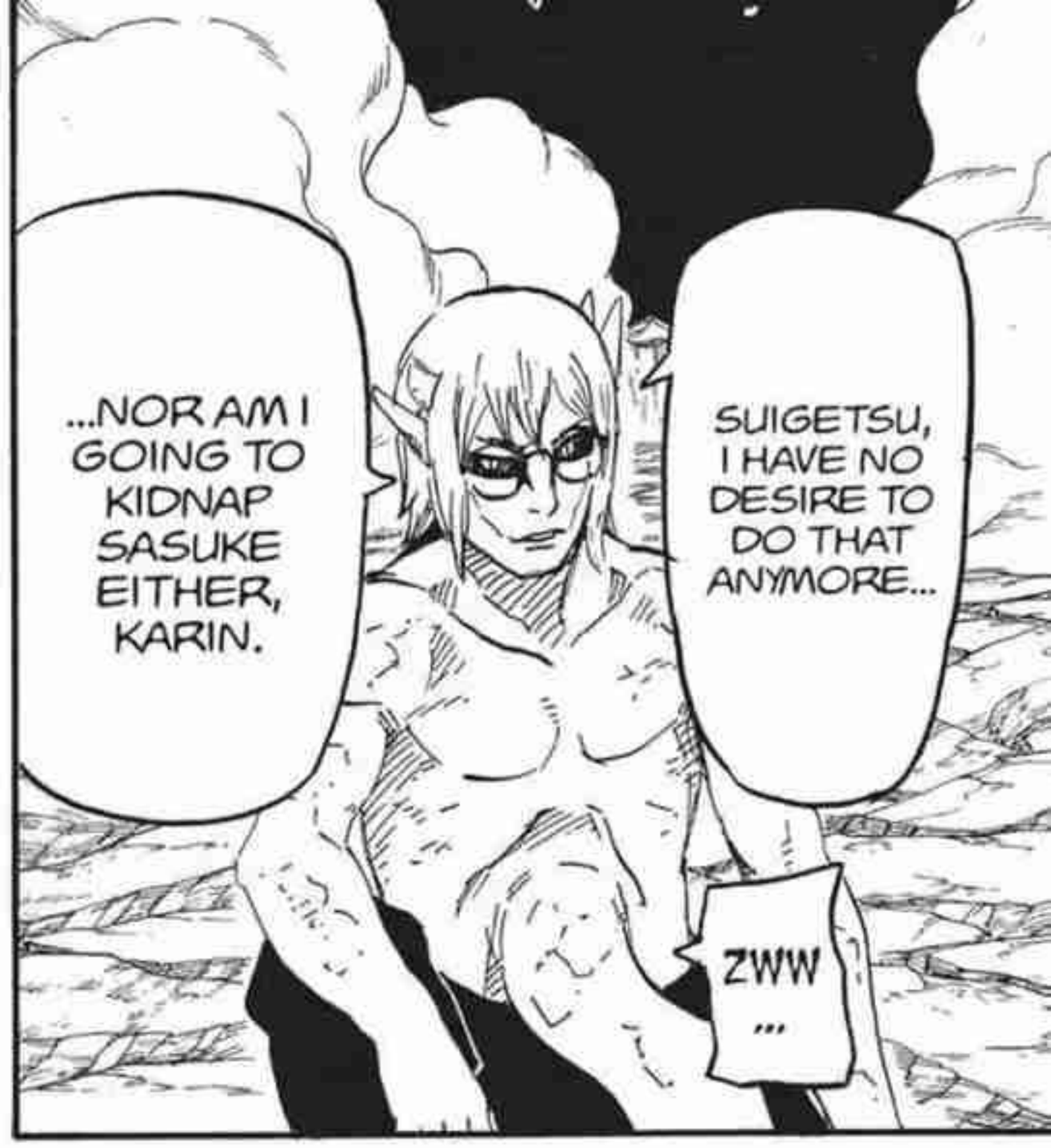
WHAT, ARE YOU PLANNING, OROCHIMARU...?
...

?!

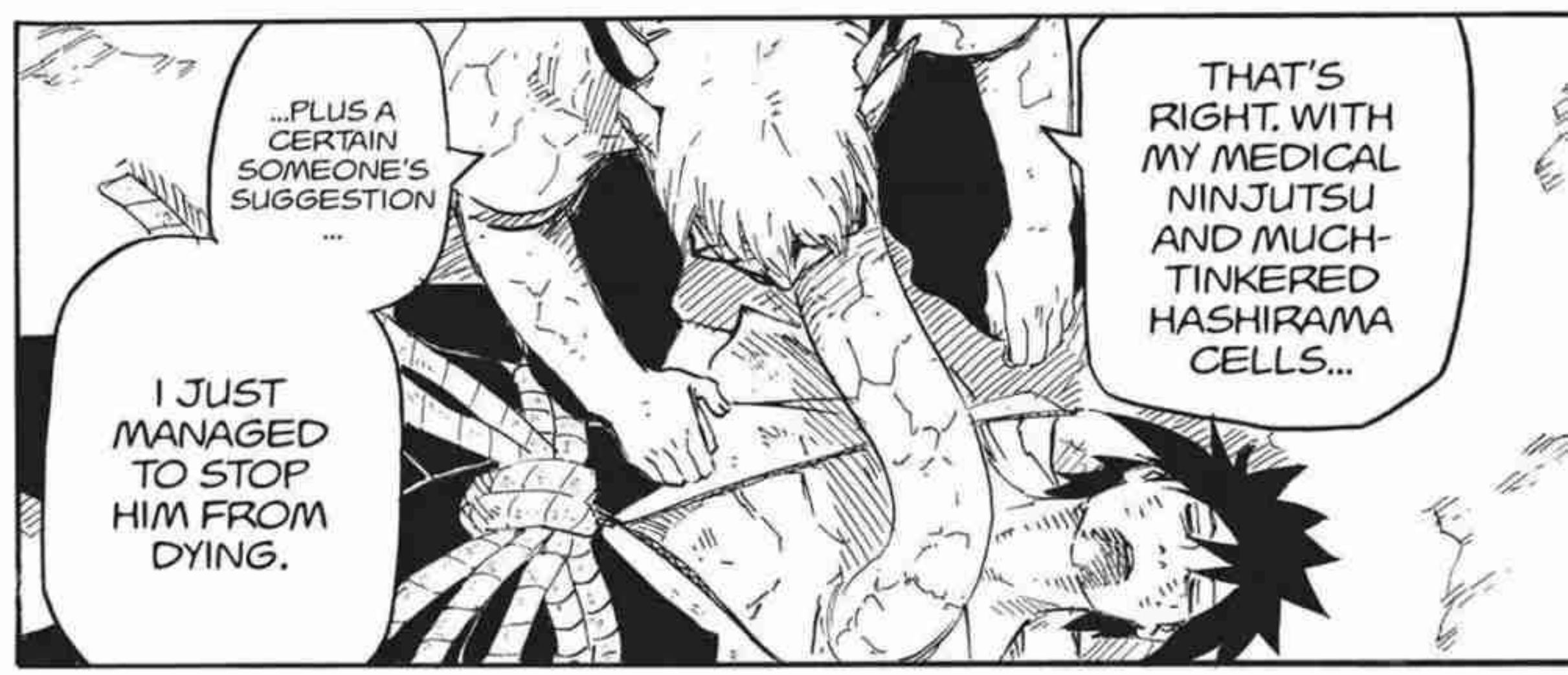
HOW DARE YOU!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOOK DOWN SASUKE?!

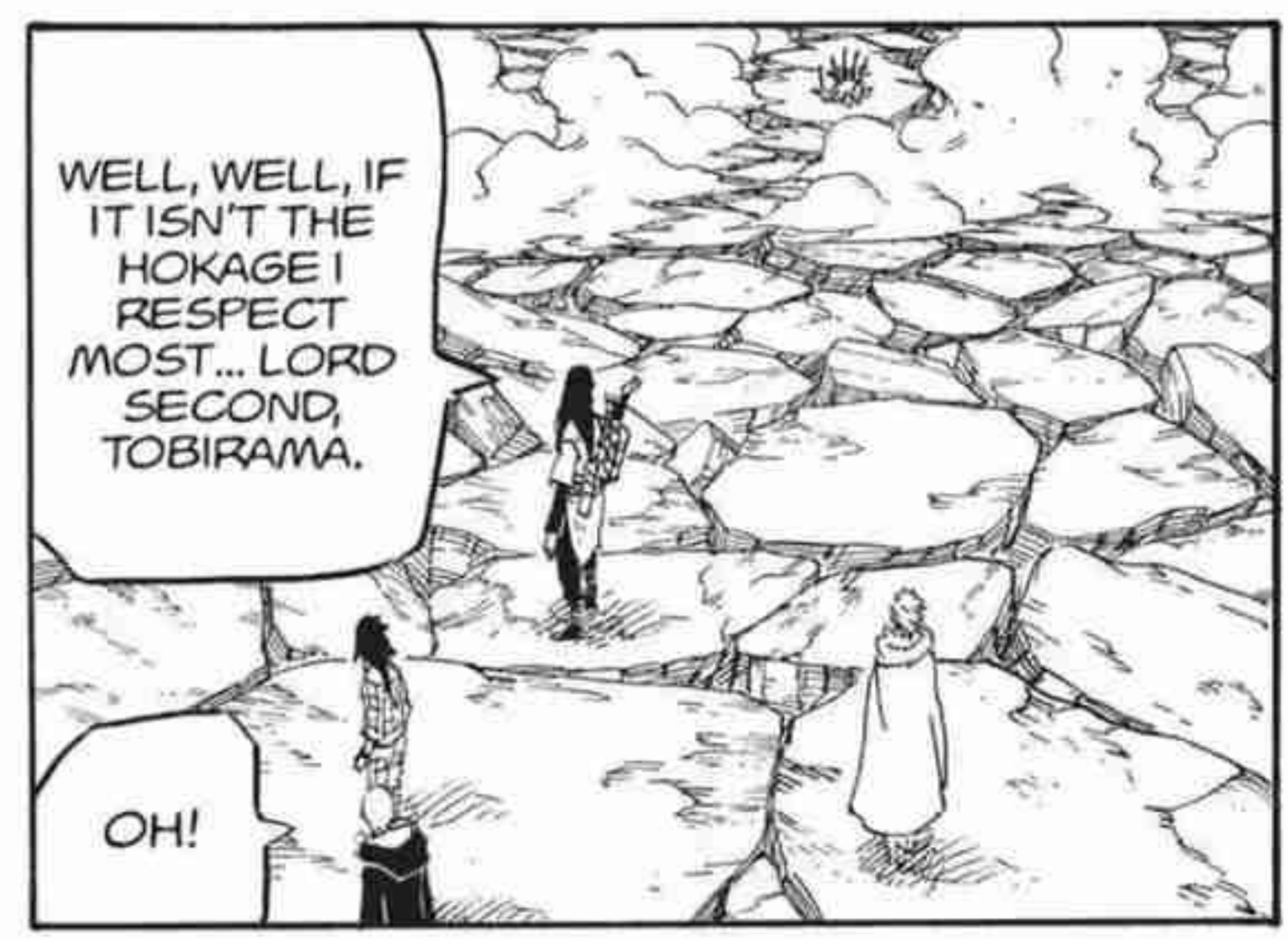
FLMP

N-NO WAY...!
...! I CAN JUST BARELY SENSE SASUKE'S CHAKRA!!


...NOR AM I GOING TO KIDNAP SASUKE EITHER, KARIN.
SUIGETSU, I HAVE NO DESIRE TO DO THAT ANYMORE...
ZWW ...

KABUTO... YOU'RE HELPING SASUKE?!


...PLUS A CERTAIN SOMEONE'S SUGGESTION ...
I JUST MANAGED TO STOP HIM FROM DYING.
THAT'S RIGHT. WITH MY MEDICAL NINJUTSU AND MUCH-TINKERED HASHIRAMA CELLS...


WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE HOKAGE I RESPECT MOST... LORD SECOND, TOBIRAMA.
OH!

AND THERE WE HAVE IT.

THAT ALLOWED YOU TO GIVE ME EASY ANSWERS AND USE ME...

...MAKING ME LOSE MYSELF EVEN MORE.

I'D STOPPED ACKNOWLEDGING MYSELF AND DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

...YOU WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE ENDLESS LOOP SET UP BY ITACHI'S IZANAMI...?

THAT YOU'RE HERE MEANS...

BUT KABUTO...

TMP

...THAN KABUTO.

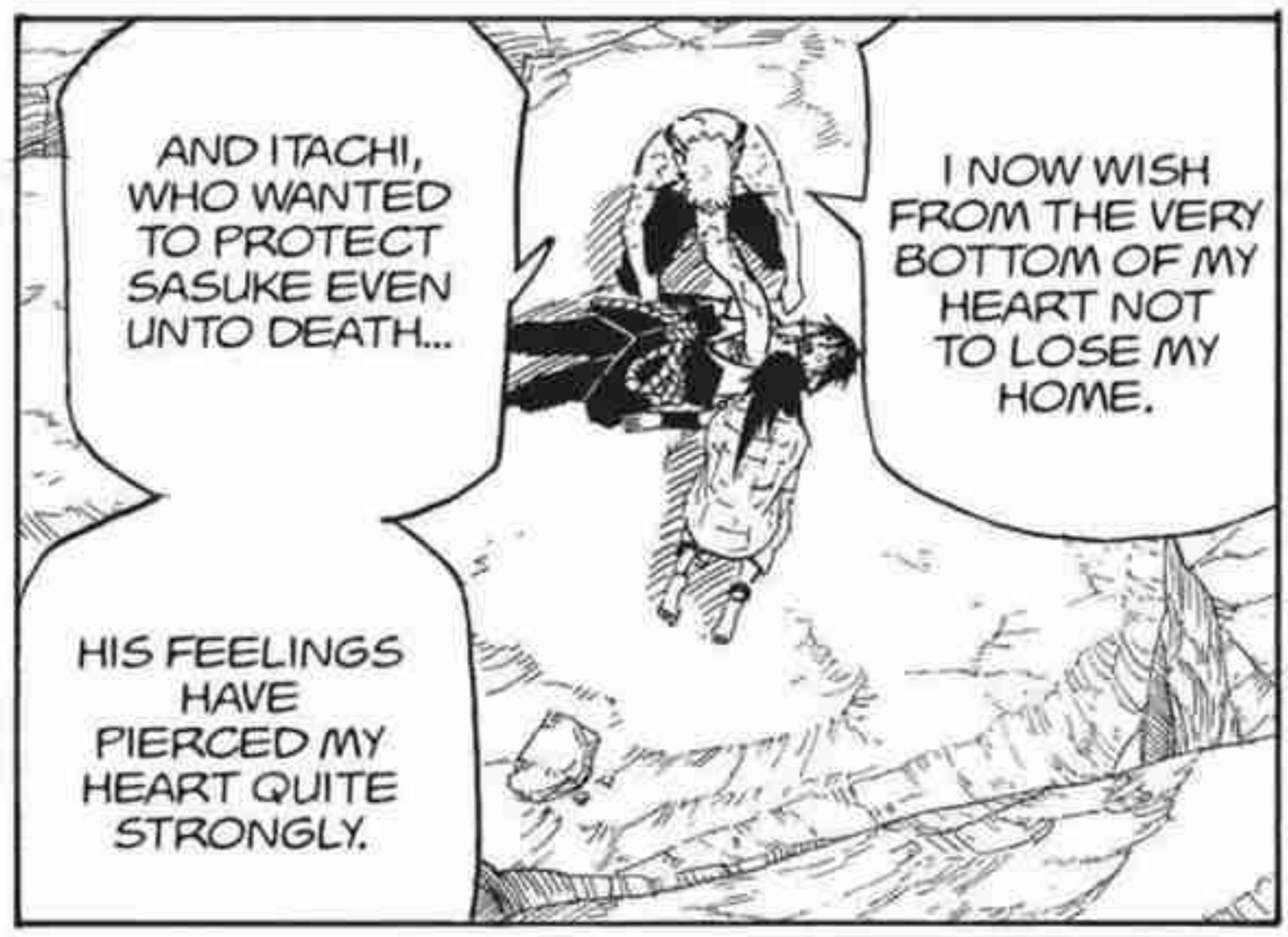
...THAT I AM NO OTHER...

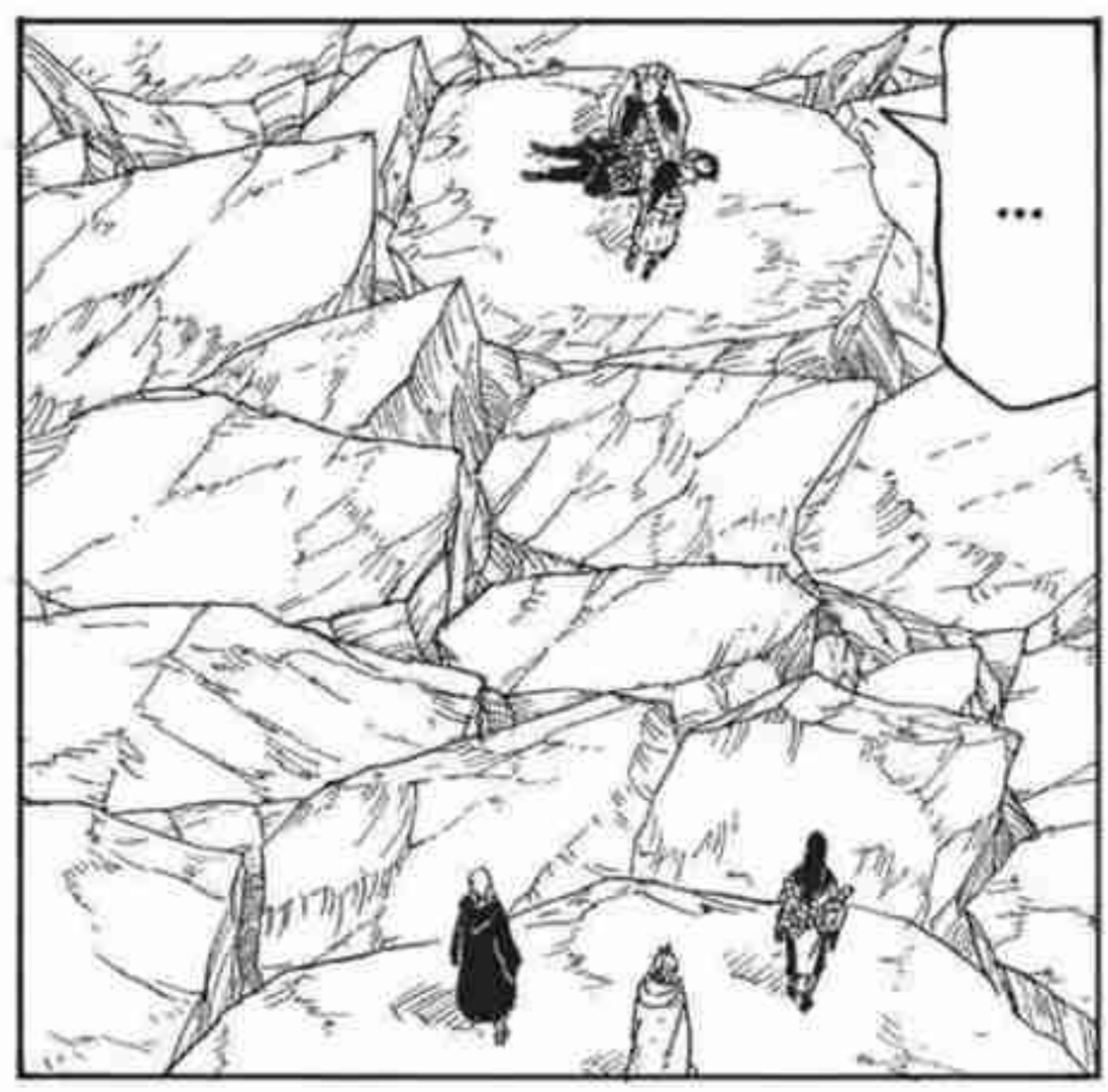
BUT THROUGH THAT JUTSU, ITACHI HELPED ME REALIZE...

AND WHERE MY HOME IS.

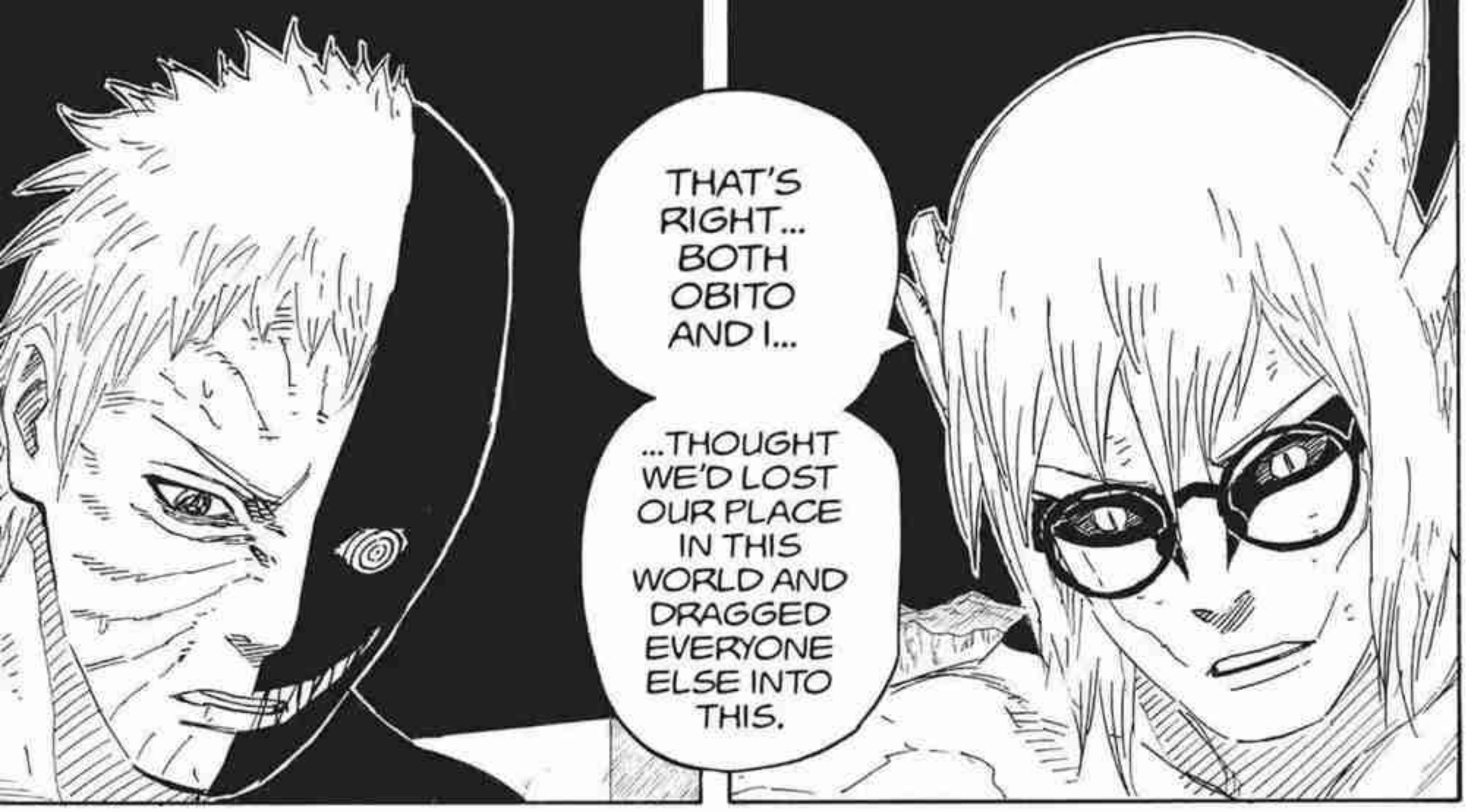
ZSH
SASUKE ...

IT'S A JUTSU THAT CANNOT BE UNDONE UNLESS YOU REEXAMINE YOURSELF...
...AND ACCEPT WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
THAT'S THE POWER OF THE IZANAMI FOR YOU.
HE'S CHANGED ON THE INSIDE TOO?


AND ITACHI, WHO WANTED TO PROTECT SASUKE EVEN UNTO DEATH...
HIS FEELINGS HAVE PIERCED MY HEART QUITE STRONGLY.
I NOW WISH FROM THE VERY BOTTOM OF MY HEART NOT TO LOSE MY HOME.


...

BUT YOU'RE ONE OF THE RINGLEADERS WHO JOINED UP WITH THE FAKE MADARA AND STARTED THIS WAR!!
HMPH! HEY, THAT'S ALL NICE AND DECENT FOR YOU TO SAY NOW!
FSH


THAT'S RIGHT... BOTH OBITO AND I...
...THOUGHT WE'D LOST OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD AND DRAGGED EVERYONE ELSE INTO THIS.

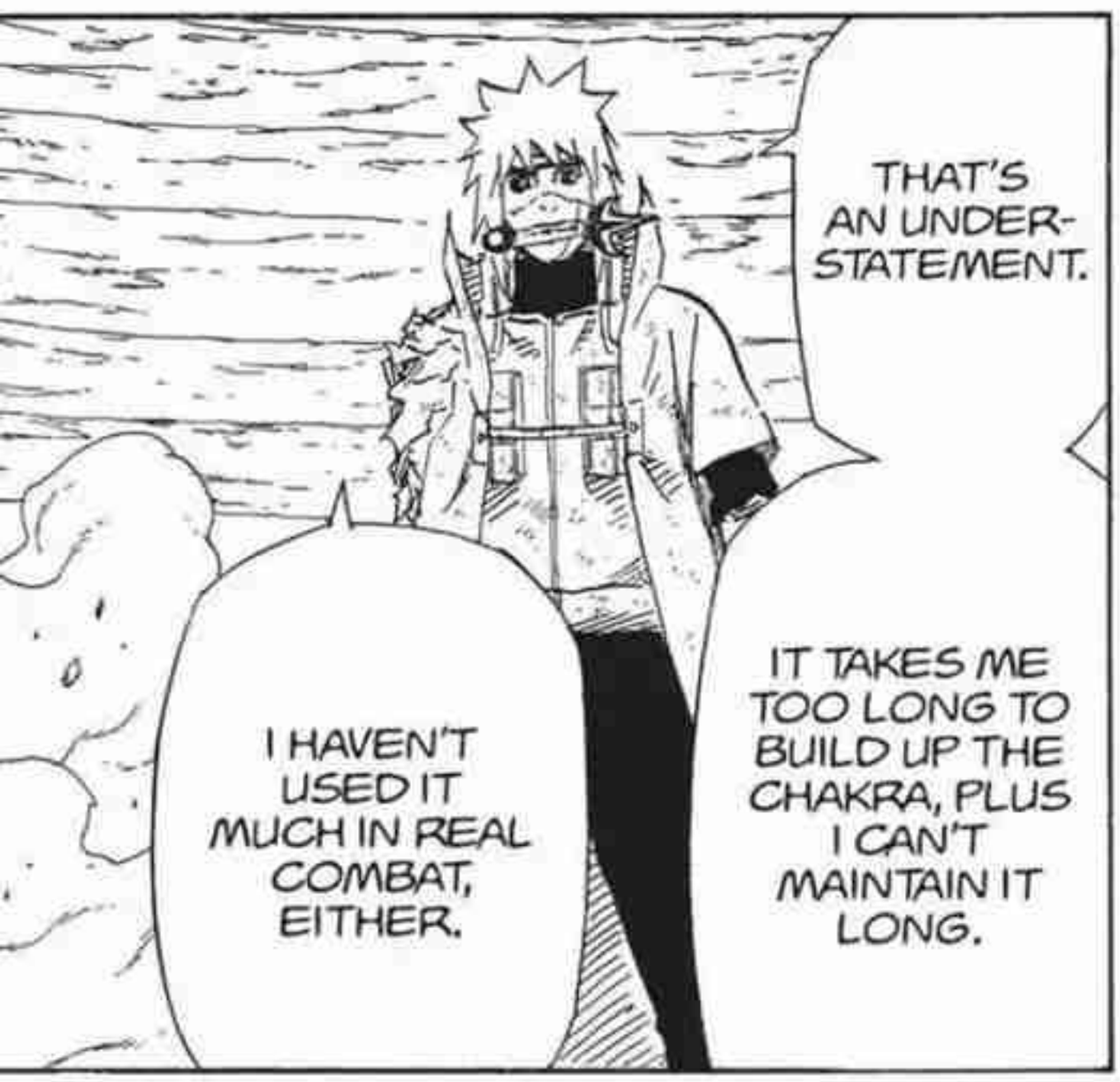
BUT I KNOW NOW WHO I AM...
...AND WHAT IT IS I MUST DO!

YOU WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.
YOU MAY BE REINFORCE-MENTS, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN PEBBLES...

YOU ALL RIGHT, KAKASHI?

THAT'S MADARA ?!

YES INDEED.

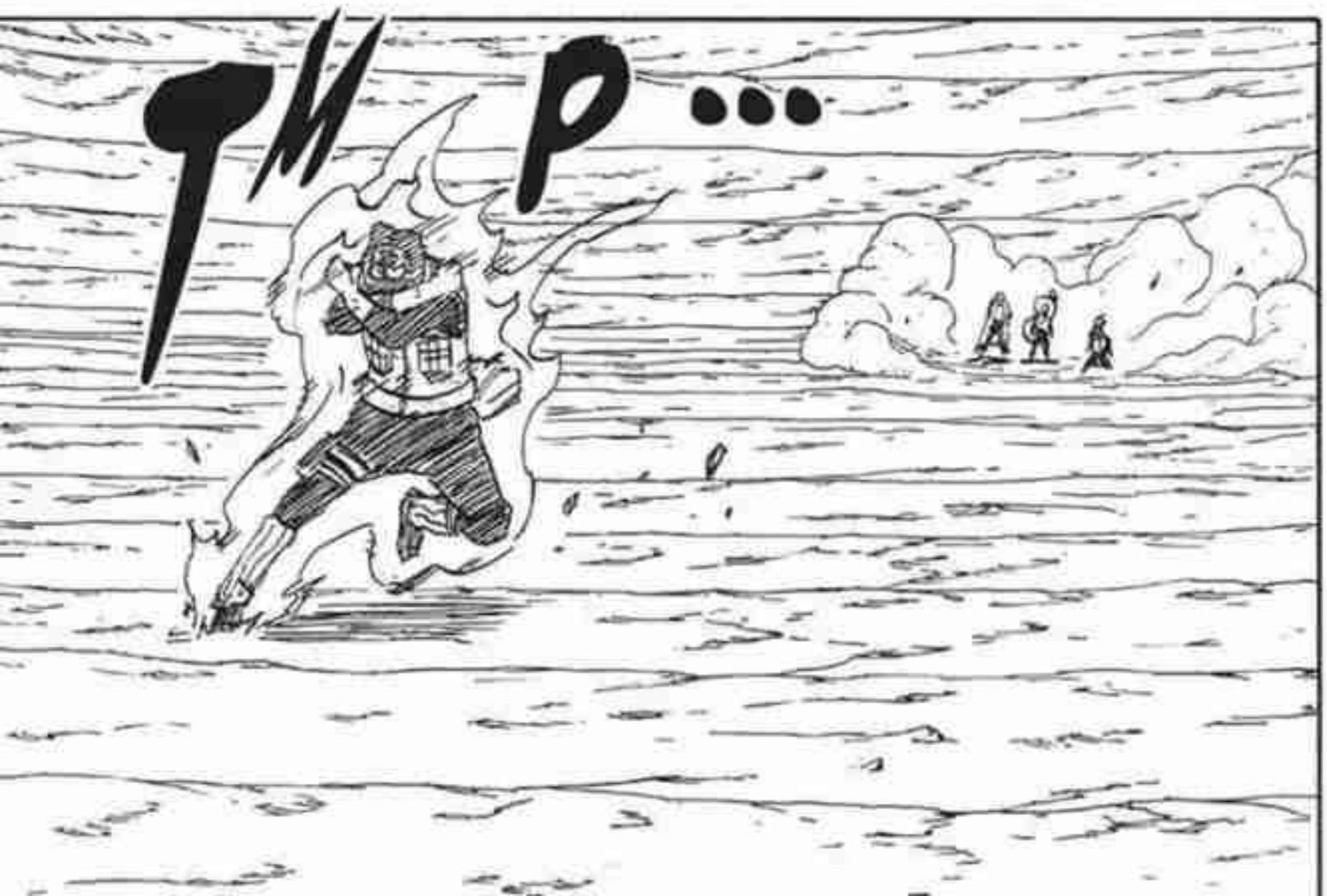

THAT'S AN UNDER-STATEMENT.
I HAVEN'T USED IT MUCH IN REAL COMBAT, EITHER.
IT TAKES ME TOO LONG TO BUILD UP THE CHAKRA, PLUS I CAN'T MAINTAIN IT LONG.

...
SENJUTSU ISN'T YOUR FORTE, MASTER..
IF I RECALL CORRECT-LY...

...

...

PLUS, I CAN'T WEAVE SIGNS AT ALL RIGHT NOW...
...SO I DON'T THINK I CAN FIGHT EFFECTIVELY.


THUP...

TAK

BLUE VAPOR...!!
!
BAM

!!

!

!

SO IT'S SHOW TIME FOR THIS WILD BLUE BEAST, EH!!
EIGHT INNER GATES! SEVENTH GATE OF SHOCK...
...OPEN!!
NO
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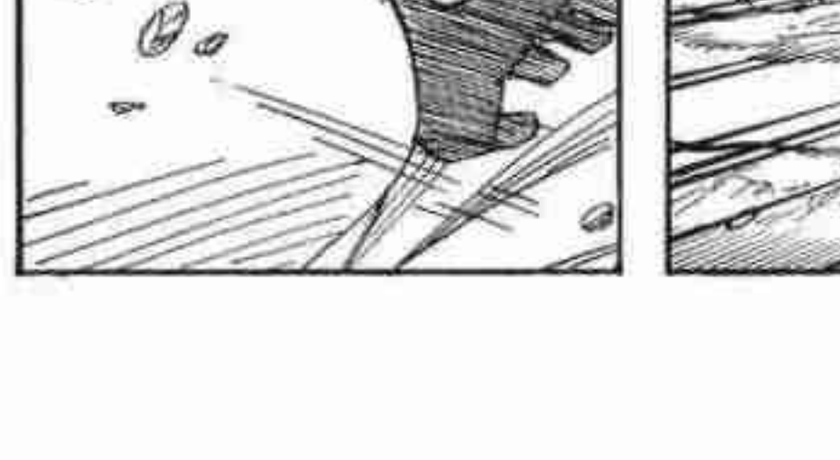
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HE INSULTS ME, NOT BRINGING OUT THE RED VAPOR.
ONE SHORT OF THE EIGHTH GATE OF DEATH, HUH...

DON'T LET THAT ROD OR THOSE BLACK SPHERES TOUCH YOU!!

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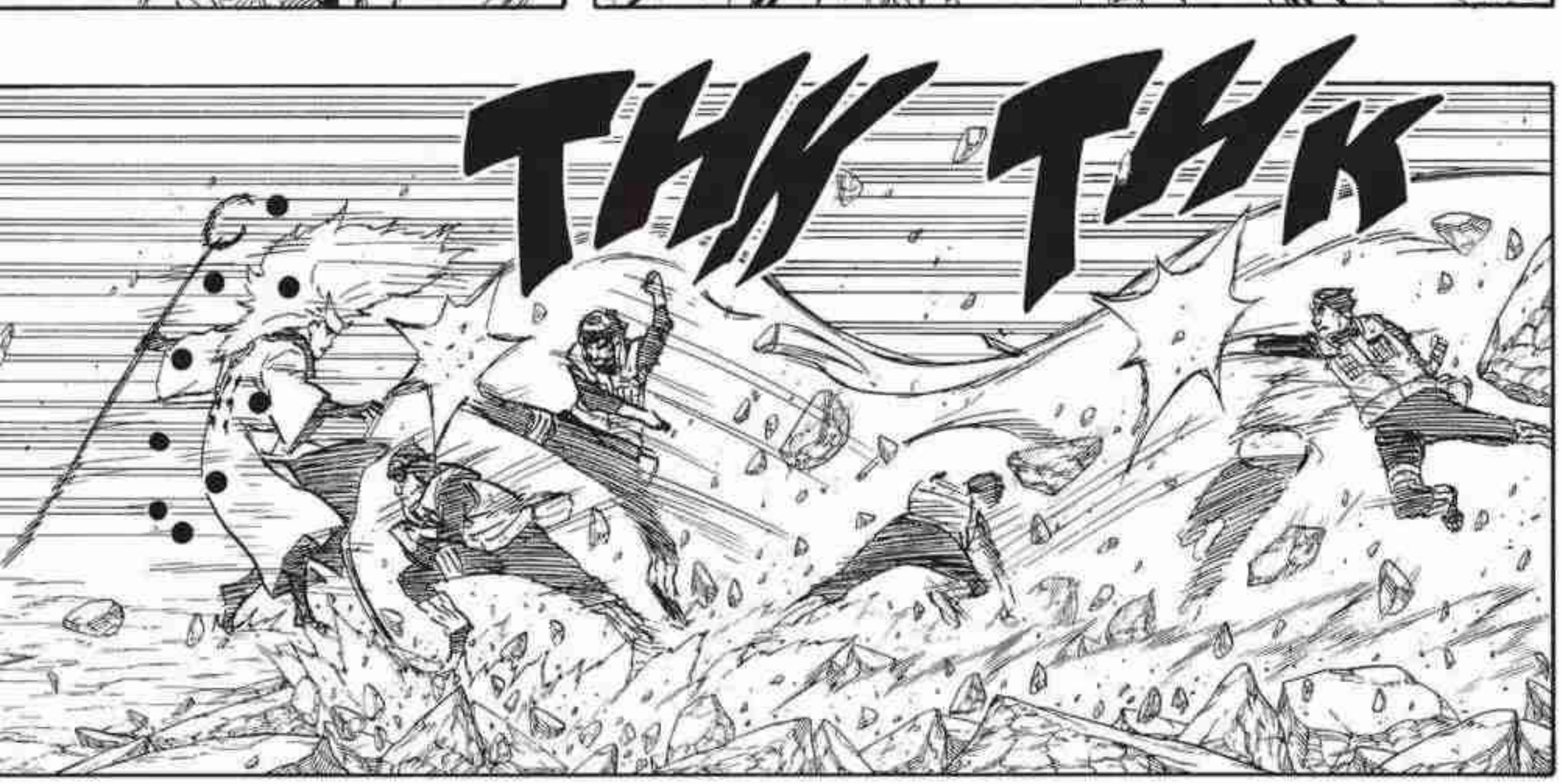

THK THK

!

TAKE THIS!!
FWP

I CAN'T BELIEVE GUY'S MASTERED THE EIGHT INNER GATES...
THOSE ARE NOT HUMAN MOVE-MENTS!

HIRUDORA!! AFTERNOON TIGER!!!

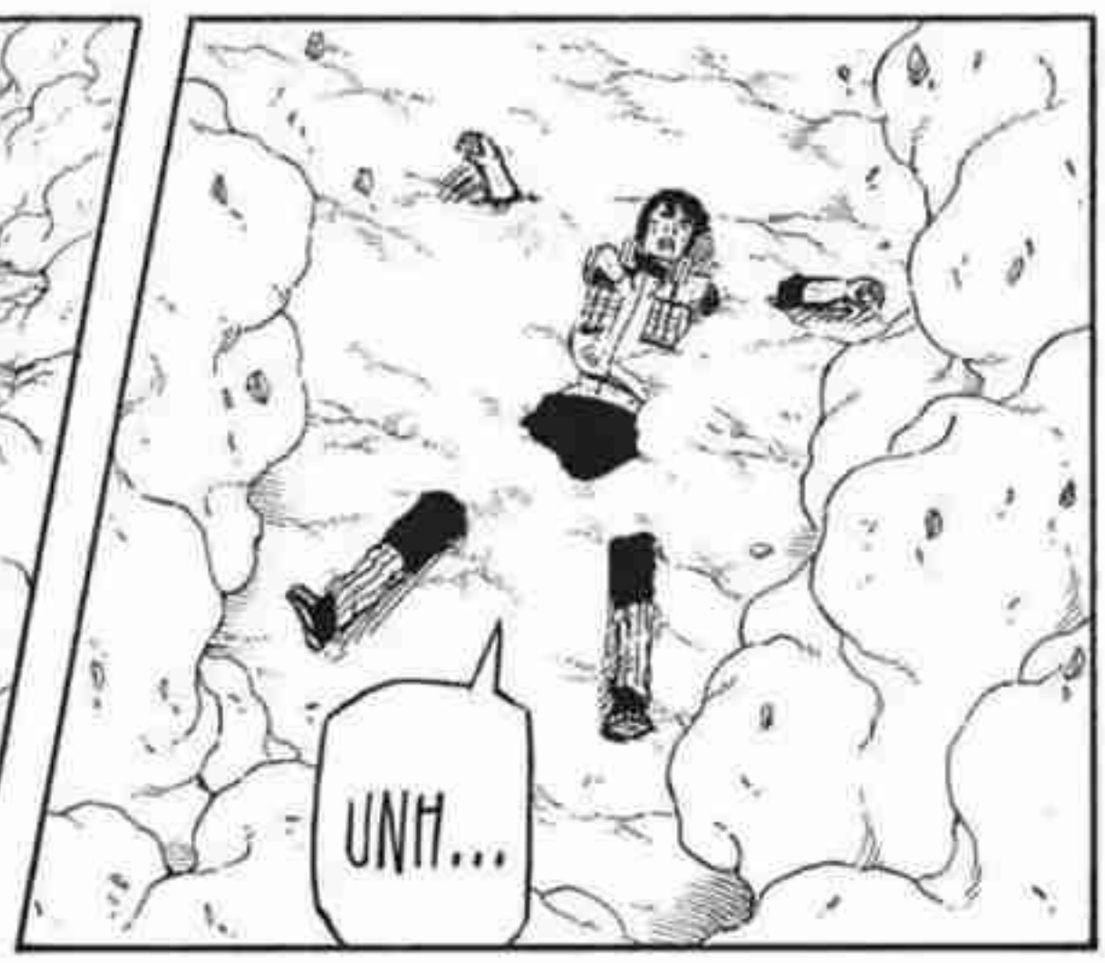
BLAZE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE...

BLAM

RRR
SKIIID
RUMBLE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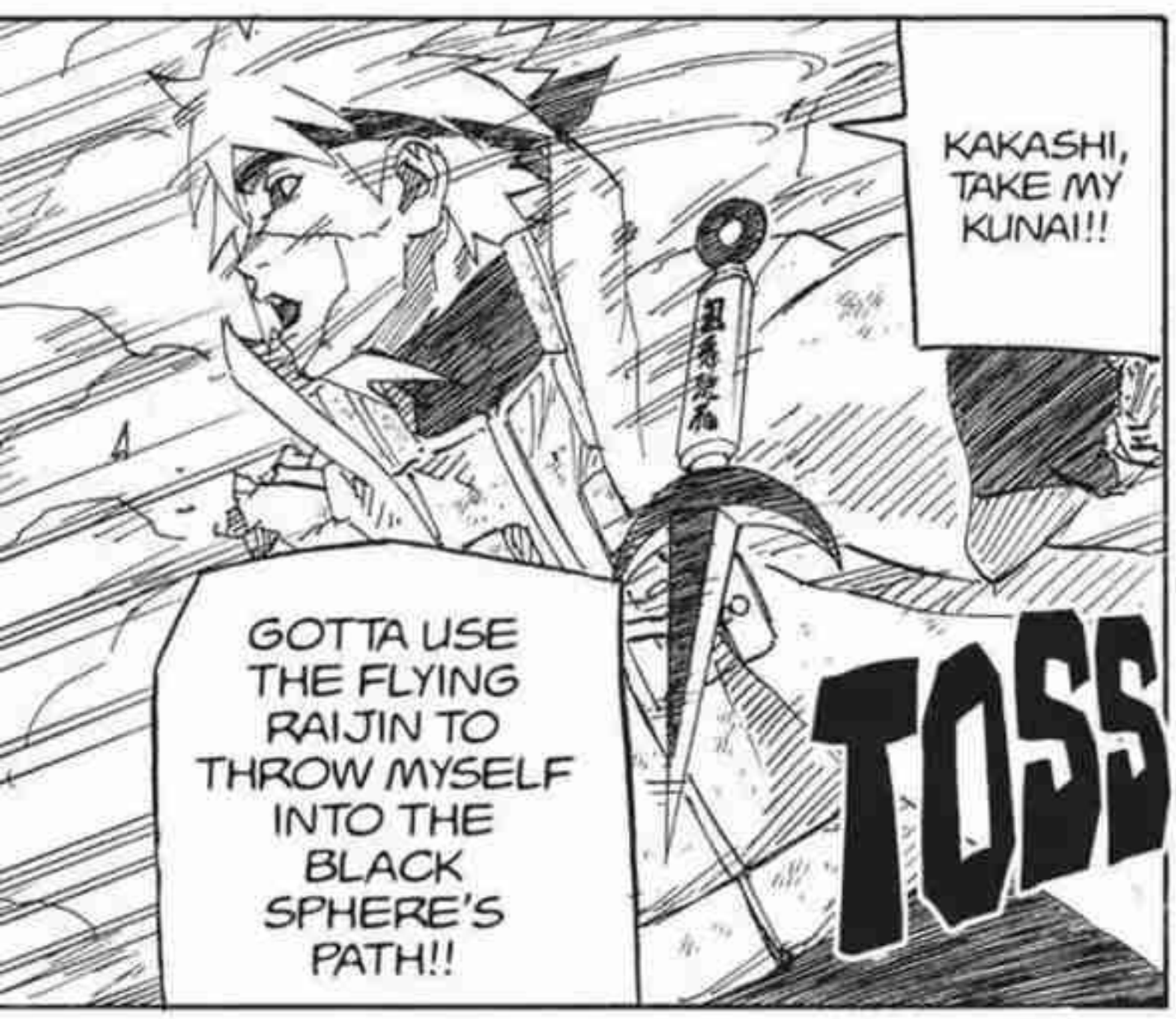

KAKASHI, TAKE MY KUNAI!!
GOTTA USE THE FLYING RAIJIN TO THROW MYSELF INTO THE BLACK SPHERE'S PATH!!
TOSS

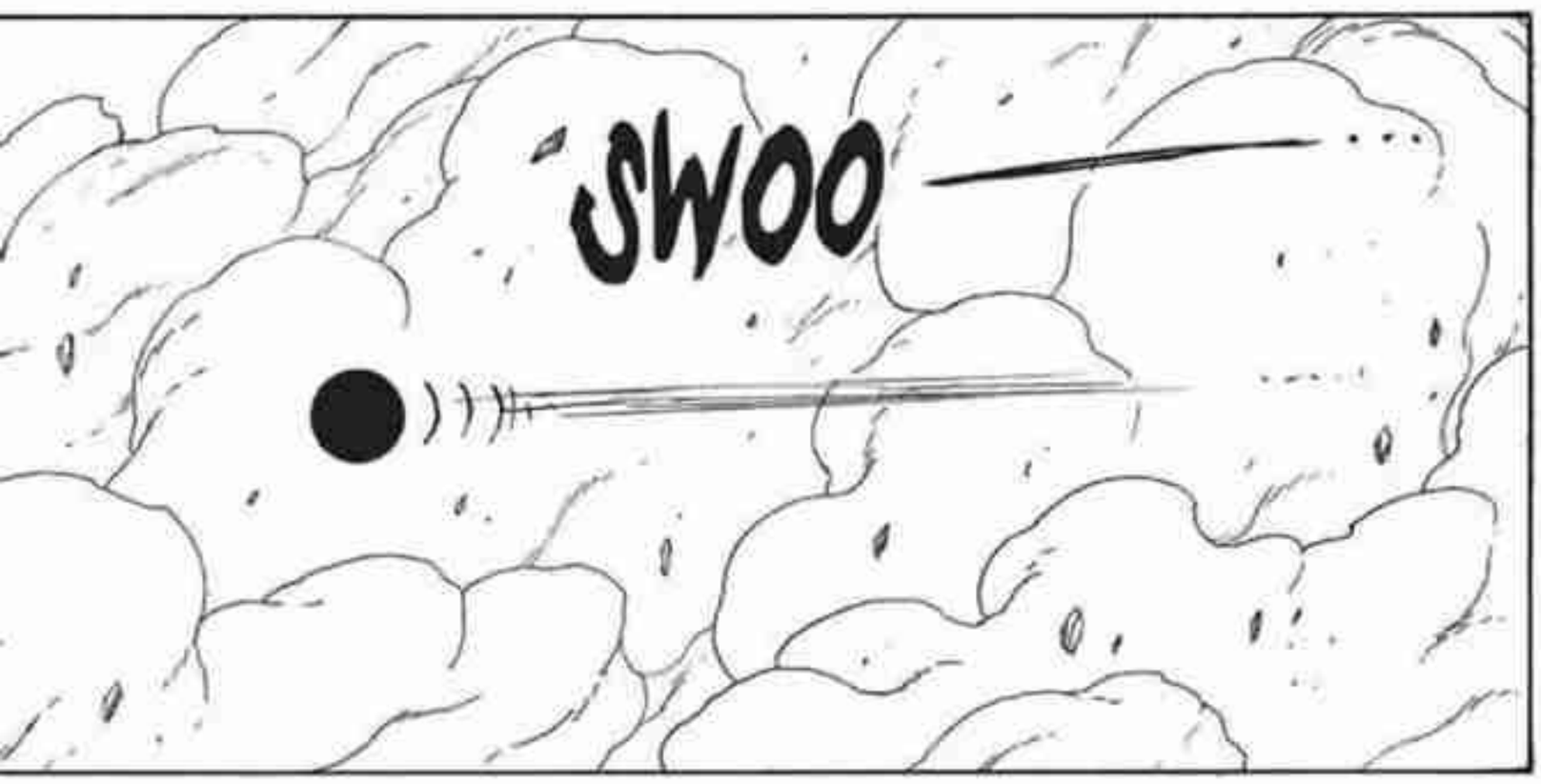
DWOOSH

SHIING

SNATCH
YESSIR!!

GR

AB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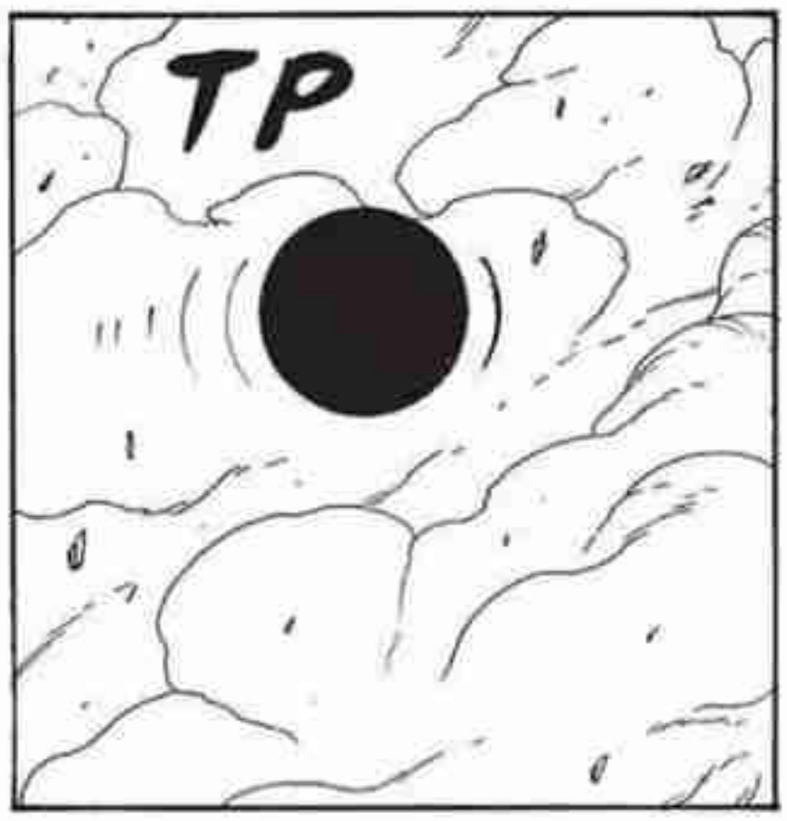

TP

TMP
WHERE'S TENTEN?

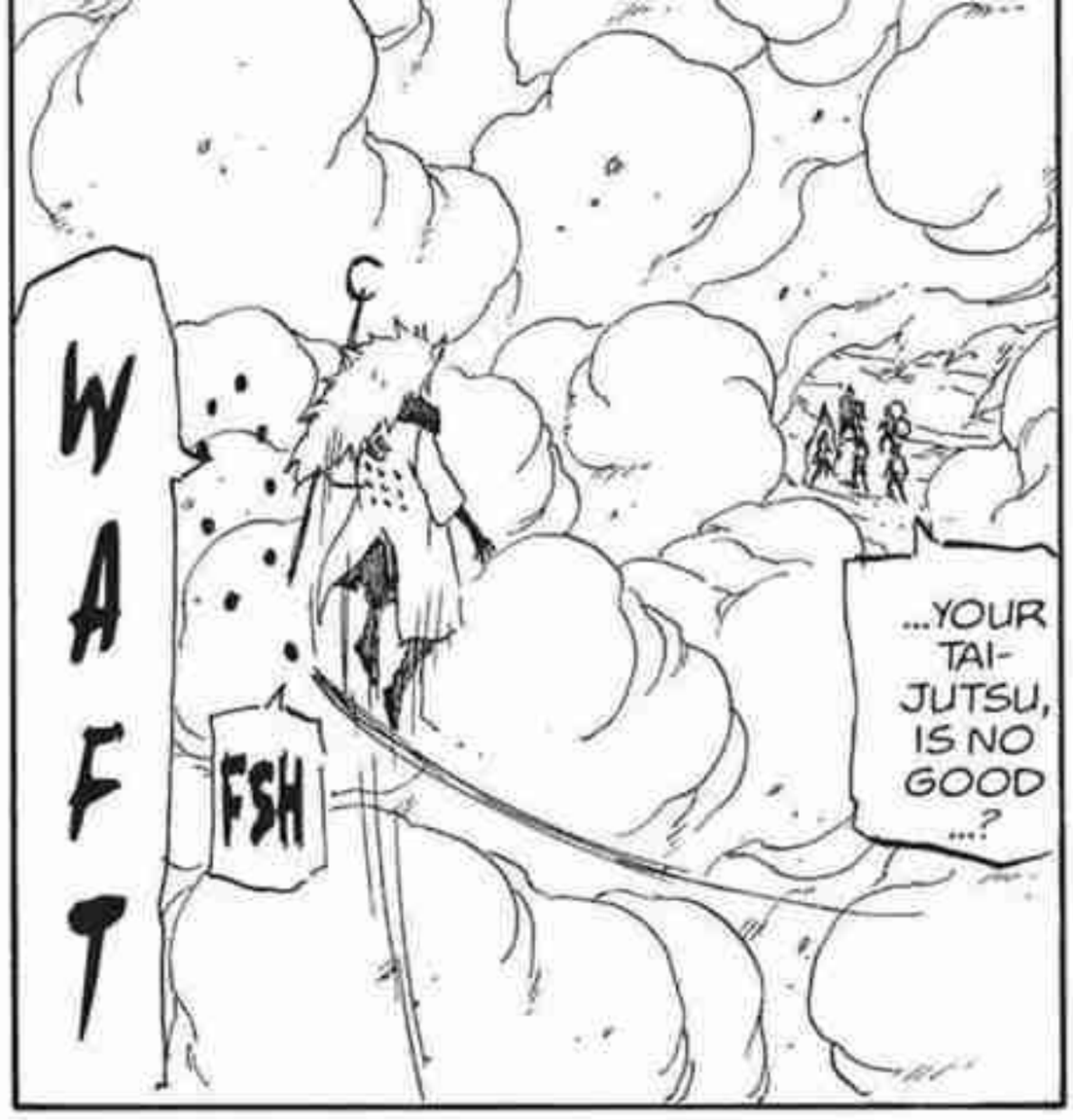
UGH...
ARE YOU OKAY, MASTER GUY?

YEAH... THANKS, LEE...

YEAH, ONLY MY RIGHT ARM AND A FEW RIBS ARE HURT.
YOU ALL RIGHT, GUY?!

I FINALLY CATCH UP TO YOU, AND YOU LAUNCH THE HIRUDORA?
SHE TOLD ME TO GO ON AHEAD CUZ SHE WANTED TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT...

HE'S... TOO STRONG ...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...YOUR TAI-JUTSU, IS NO GOOD ...?

WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO IF OUR LAST RAY OF HOPE...

...

OUR YOUTH HAS NOT YET FADED! DO NOT ABANDON HOPE!
HOLD ON, KAKASHI.
IT'S TOO SOON TO COUNT MY TAIJUTSU OUT!
BUT...

BUT THE THINGS WE OUGHT TO DO MUST ALWAYS BEGIN WITH A WISH.
IT'S TRUE THAT EVERYTHING WE WISH FOR WILL NOT COME TO BE...

...
MASTER ...

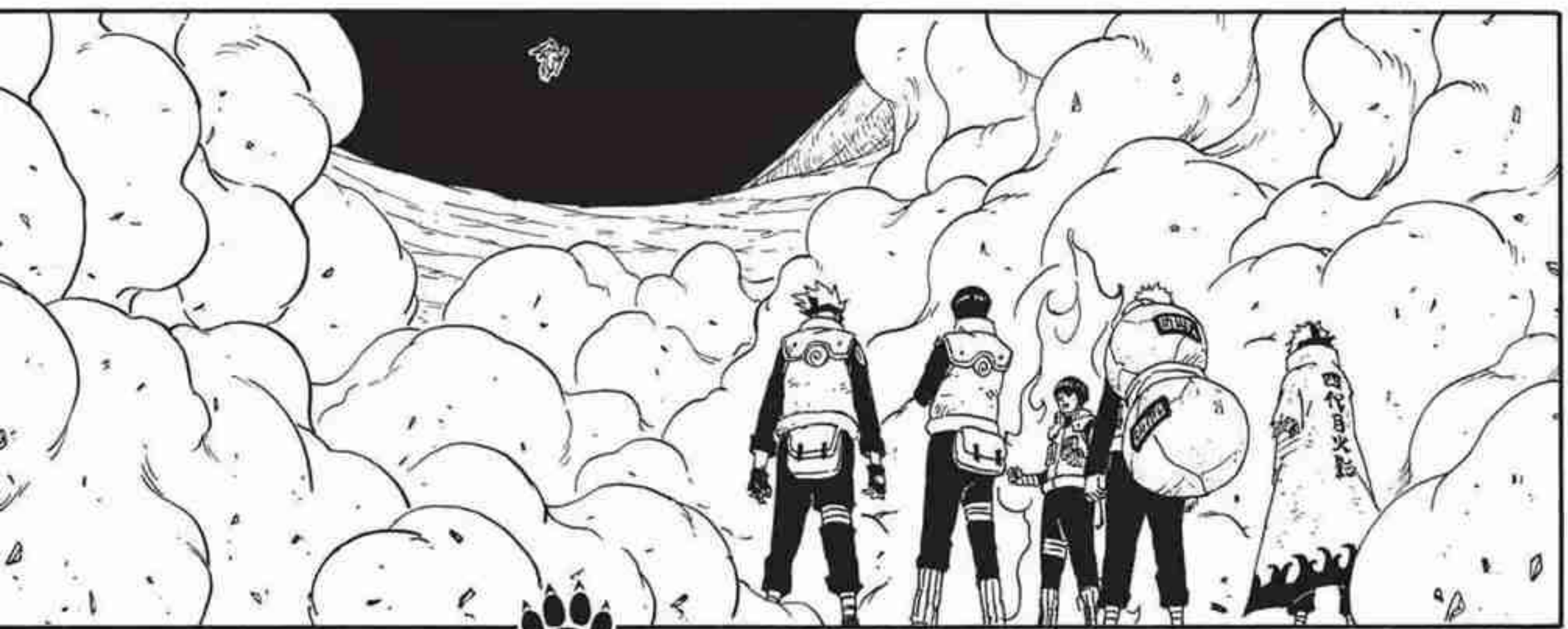
FIGHT ME, KAKASHI!!

JUST LIKE MY CHALLENGES TO YOU.

DON'T TELL ME... YOU...?!
!!

AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS NO BLUFF.
GRP

KONOHA'S WILD BLUE BEAST IS NO MORE.
IT'S TIME FOR THE RED BEAST TO EMERGE!



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NOWADAYS, IN MATCHES AGAINST THAT ELITE GENIUS, KAKASHI, WE'RE NEARLY EVEN!!
YOU REMIND ME OF ME... WAY BACK WHEN I WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE.

LEE, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.
THIS TIME, YOU SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW!!
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IT'S THE PATH YOU CHOSE, SO HAVE FAITH AND FOLLOW IT!
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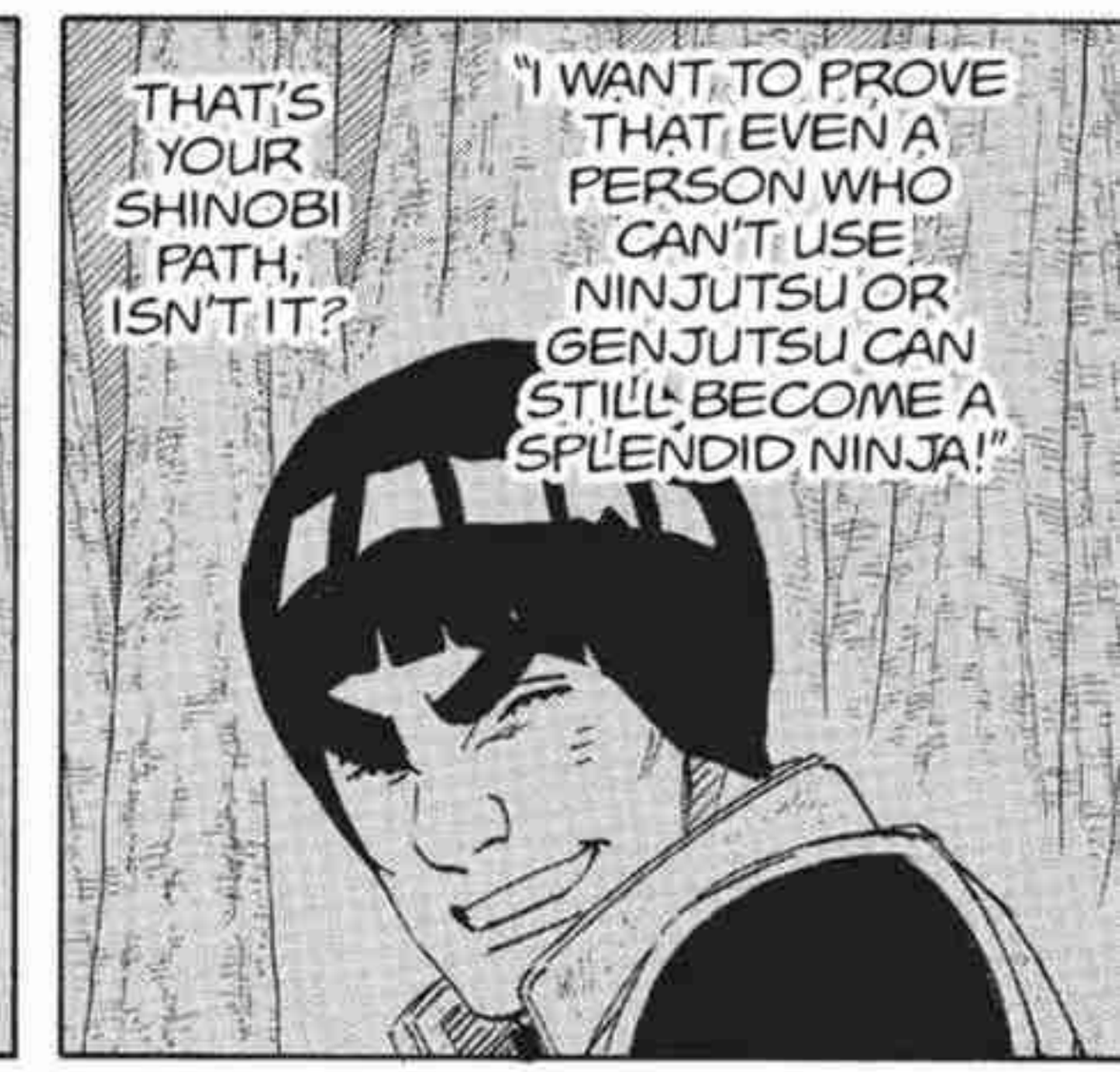
...ONE THAT'S REALLY WORTH FIGHTING FOR.
IT'S A GREAT GOAL...


THAT'S YOUR SHINOBI PATH, ISN'T IT?
"I WANT TO PROVE THAT EVEN A PERSON WHO CAN'T USE NINJUTSU OR GENJUTSU CAN STILL BECOME A SPLENDID NINJA!"

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TAK

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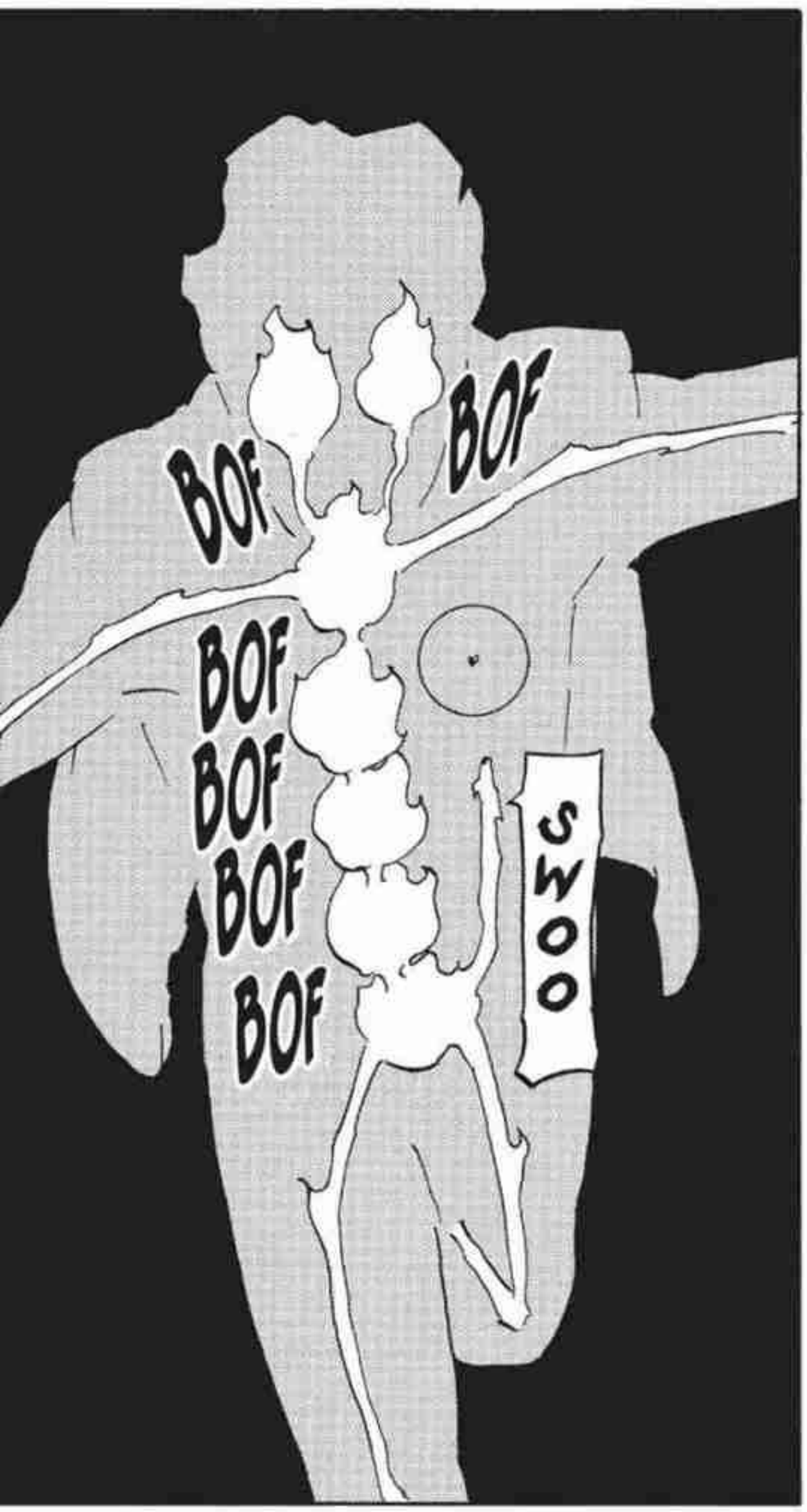
BECOME SUCH A STRONG FIGHTER THAT I CAN JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW!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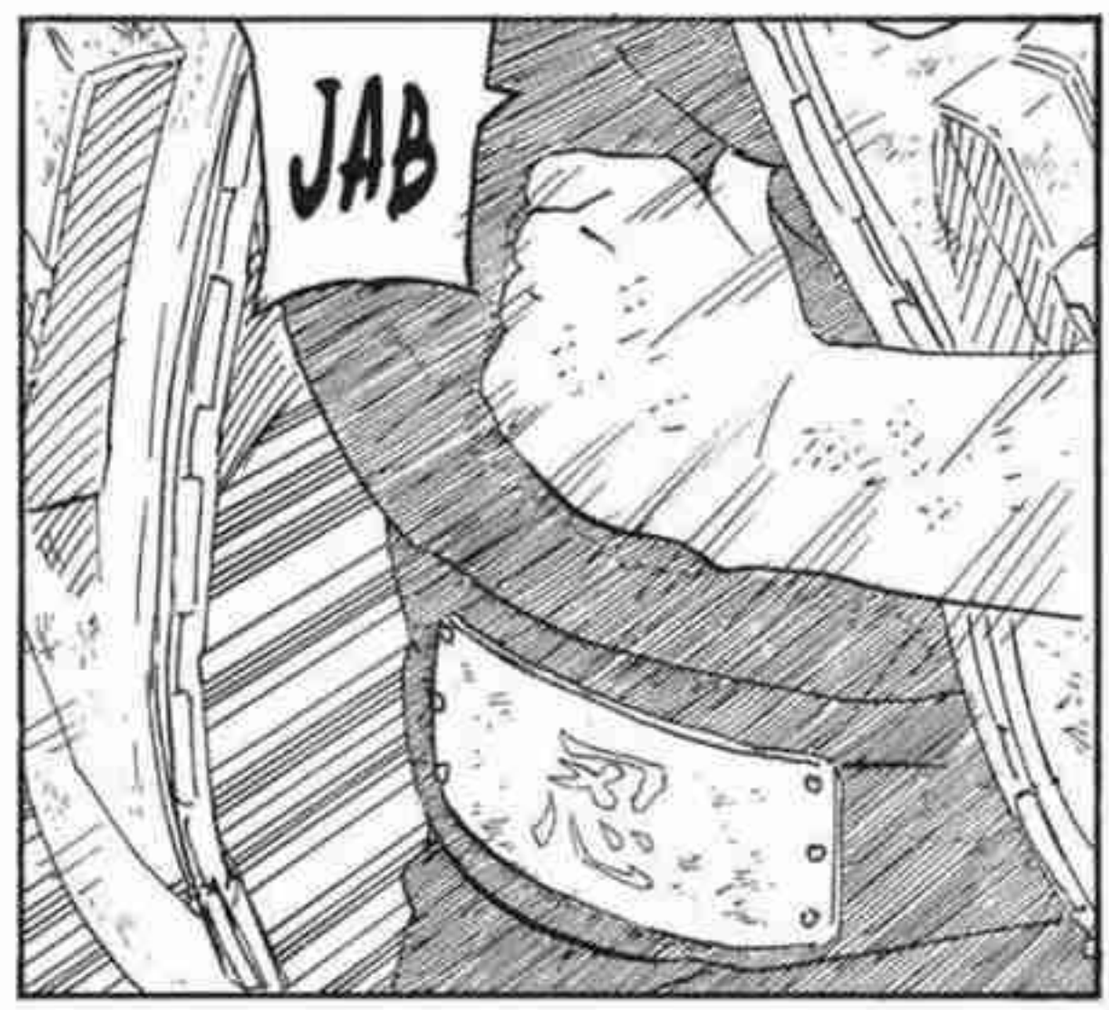
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HIS CHAKRA'S SPREADING TOWARD THE DEATH GATE'S NODE.

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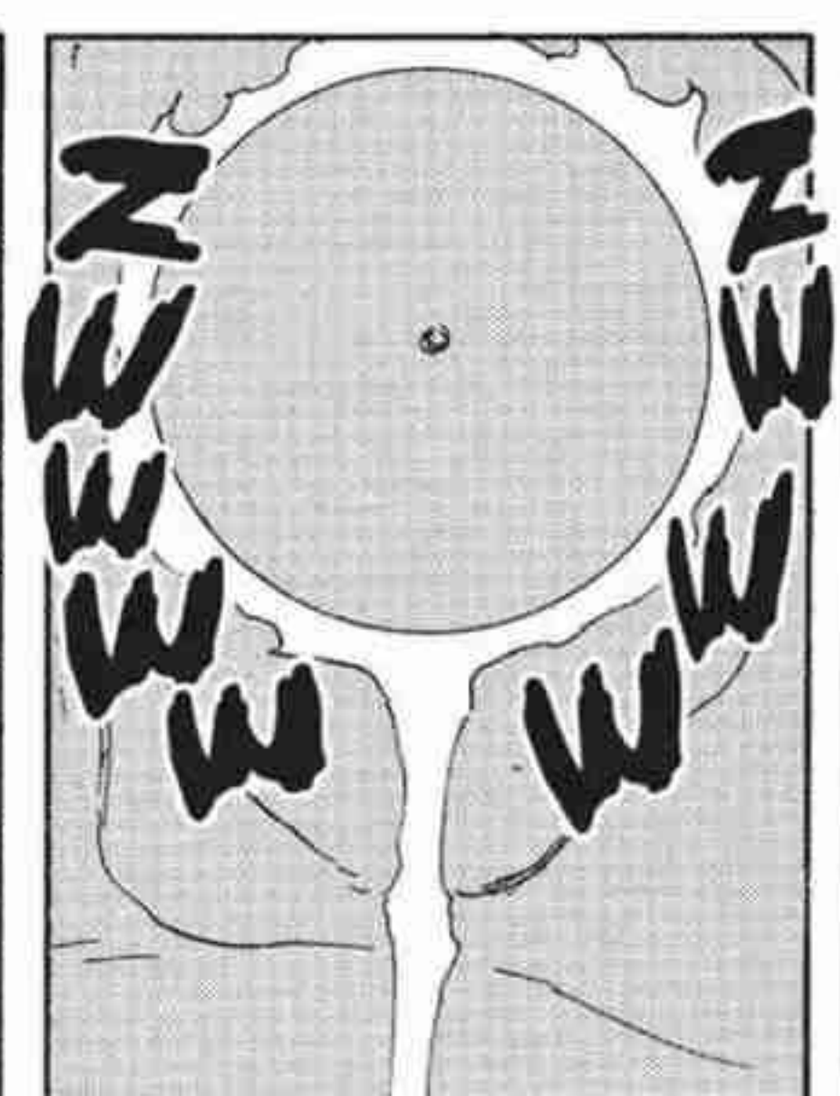
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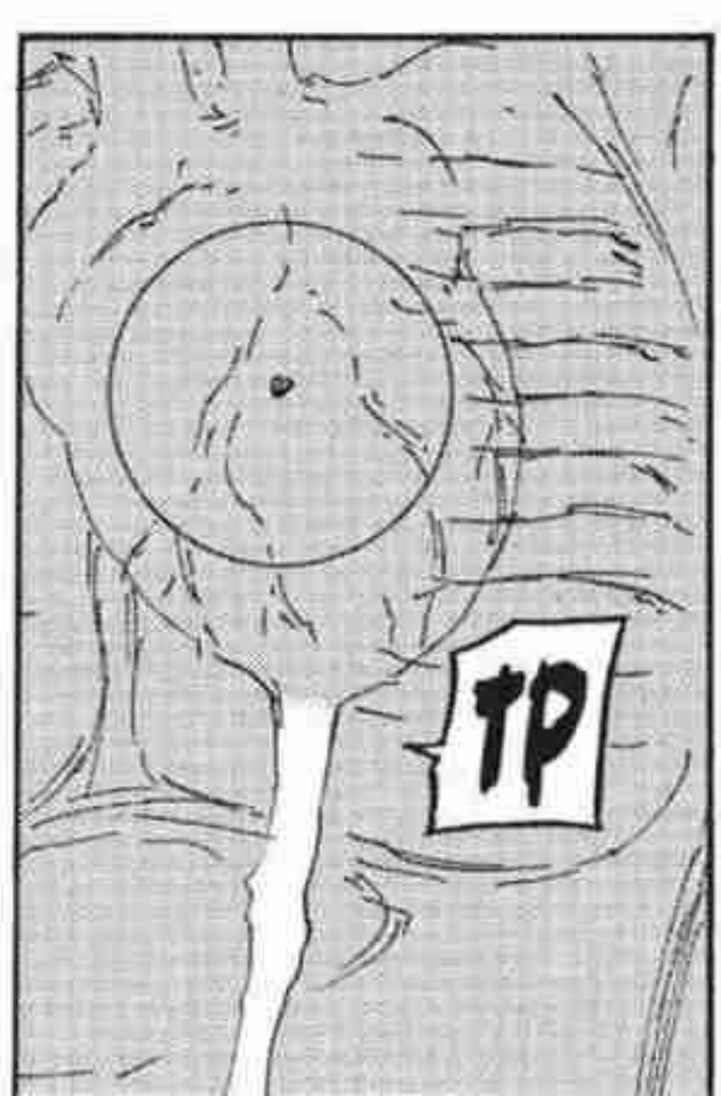
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...GATE OF DEATH!

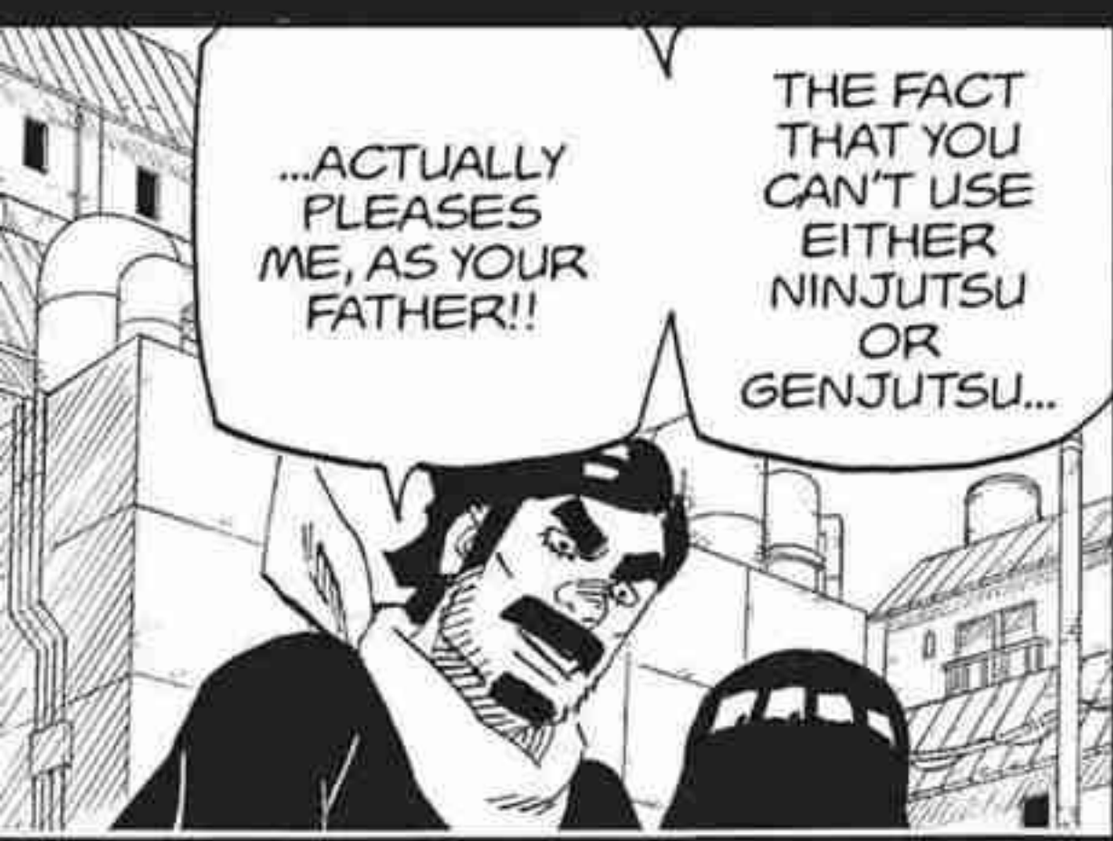
EIGHTH...

AND WHAT'S WITH THOSE BODYSUITS? SO WEIRD!
ISN'T THAT ABUSE?
THAT FATHER AND SON, THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN...

GUY!!
PAPA!
GLO
MP

PAPA, I DON'T THINK THAT WAS SUPPORT...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!
...


...ACTUALLY PLEASES ME, AS YOUR FATHER!!
THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T USE EITHER NINJUTSU OR GENJUTSU...

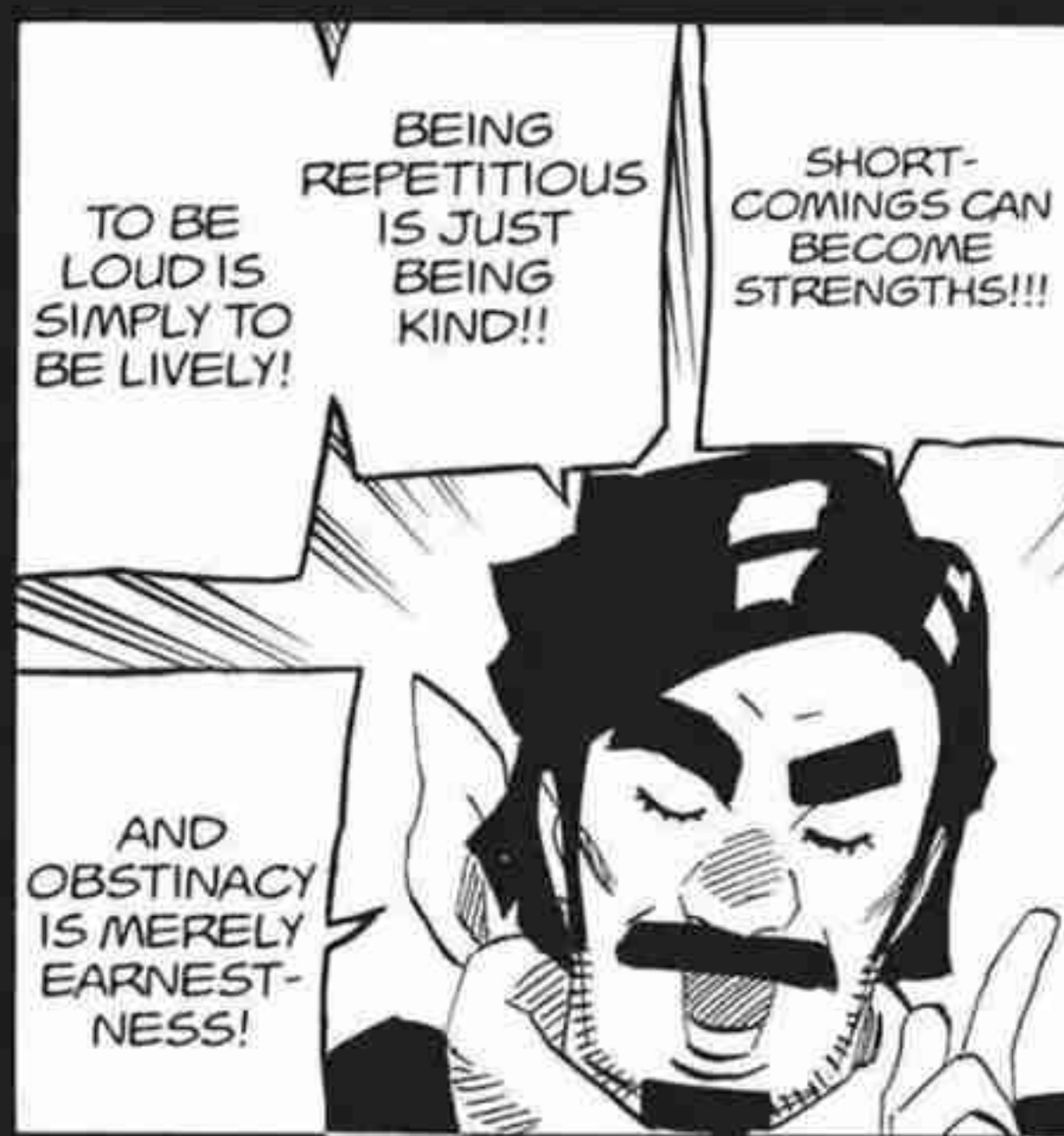
...

COPY ME AND DON'T EVER TURN YOUR BACK AGAINST YOUTH!!
LISTEN, GUY! YOUR YOUTH HAS JUST BEGUN!!

I'VE DISCOVERED MY OWN CHILD'S STRENGTHS WHEN HE'S STILL SUCH A TENDER AGE!

KNOWING YOUR SHORTCOMINGS WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR STRENGTHS!!!

YOUR TAIJUTSU IS ALREADY SHINING BRILLIANTLY IN MY EYES!!



NICE GOING FOR AN "ETERNAL GENIN"!! AHA HA HA!!

HEY, MIGHT DAI, YOU PLAYIN' AT TRAINING WITH YOUR KID AGAIN?

...

TH-THEY'RE LIKE CATS!!!

AND LONG-TORSOED FOLK?

...

SURE! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

WHADDYA THINK YOU'RE DOING?

HEY, IF IT ISN'T DAI'S BRAT!

WHAT THE?!

OWW!

THK

医
木ノ葉病院
*SIGN: KONOHA HOSPITAL
DON'T YOU EVER MAKE FUN OF PAPA AGAIN!!
HOW CAN YOU STAY SO POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC?
PAPA ...
GUY, WHY'D YOU DO SUCH A THING?!
...
...IT NEVER ENDS.
AS LONG AS YOU NEVER TURN YOUR BACK AGAINST YOUTH...
WHEN DOES ONE'S YOUTH COME TO AN END?
!

YOU CAN BELIEVE IN IT UNTIL YOU DIE, BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU'LL WIN AGAINST SOMEONE STRONG!

LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME TODAY!!

YOU'RE CRAZY, PAPA!! YOUTH DOESN'T MATTER A WHIT WHEN YOU DIE!!

C'MON, GUY!

THAT IS WHEN YOUTH CLIMAXES!! WHEN IT BURNS BRIGHTEST!!

THEN YOUR YOUTH DOESN'T COME TO AN END WHEN YOU DIE?!

TRUE VICTORY ISN'T ABOUT WINNING AGAINST SOMEONE STRONG.

PAT

!

...

PLIP

PLIP

...!

I JUST...

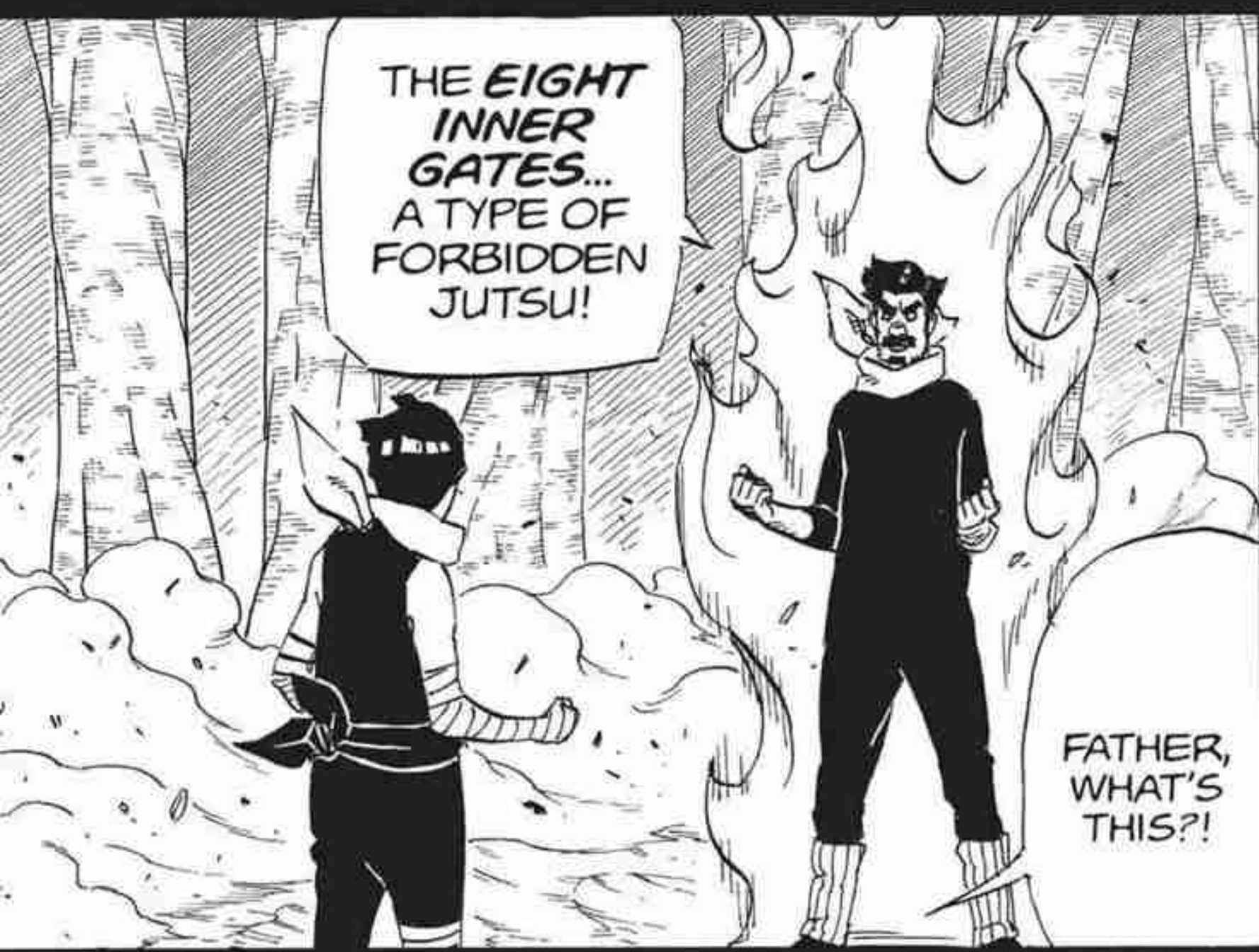
...I...

IT'S ABOUT DEFENDING WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU!

...!!

...WANTED TO DEFEND THIS YOUTH YOU KEEP MENTIONING!!

HUG


THE EIGHT INNER GATES... A TYPE OF FORBIDDEN JUTSU!
FATHER, WHAT'S THIS?!

VOOSH

...AND FINALLY GRASPED THIS UNIQUE JUTSU AFTER 20 YEARS!!!
AS A GENIN, I TRAINED DAY AFTER DAY...

WHEN IN THE WORLD...?
FATHER'S MASTERED SUCH A MOVE?!

BUT I SHALL IMPOSE ONE STRICT CONDITION UPON THE USE OF THIS MOVE.
YOU'VE BECOME A SPLENDID SHINOBI!
A SELF-RULE!!

SPECIAL?

AND IT SHALL BECOME A MOST SPECIAL JUTSU TO YOU!
THIS IS THE ONE MOVE THAT I CAN PASS DOWN TO YOU AS YOUR FATHER!

NO WAY... AREN'T THOSE THE SEVEN SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST...?!

WE CAN'T OUTRUN THEM.

IT'S NO USE... WE'RE SURROUNDED ...

FATHER... I'VE...

HUSH AND JUST RUN AWAY, YOU THREE!
I'LL HOLD THE FORT AND BUY YOU TIME!
BUT YOU'RE A GENIN! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

I MADE IT IN TIME!!
FATHER ?!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ANY OF THEM!!
RUN AWAY...? BUT FATHER! OUR OPPONENTS ARE POWERFUL JONIN! THEY'RE THE SEVEN SWORDSMEN!

...THE GATE OF DEATH, I CAN OPEN IT AND UNLEASH THE EIGHT INNER GATES FORMATION!
I'VE GOT...

NOW'S THE TIME...

THE SELF-RULE...
...!!

BUT THAT'S ...!
?!!

...!!!
GUY, YOU REALLY MEAN IT...!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
...TO PROTECT SOMETHING PRECIOUS ENOUGH TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR!!
OPEN!!! EIGHT INNER GATES FORMA-TION !!!
SKIID

THE BLOOD VAPOR THAT'S PECULIAR TO ALL EIGHT GATES BEING OPEN...

RED VAPOR.

BUT THEY'RE NOT JUST FALLING FOR NO REASON OR PURPOSE!!

YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

...IT'S THE COLOR OF DEAD AUTUMN LEAVES THAT'VE FALLEN OFF THEIR TREE...

HEH HEH... BUT ACTUALLY SEEING IT WITH MY OWN EYES...

...THE NOURISH-MENT FOR FRESH GREEN LEAVES!

THEY ARE TO BECOME...

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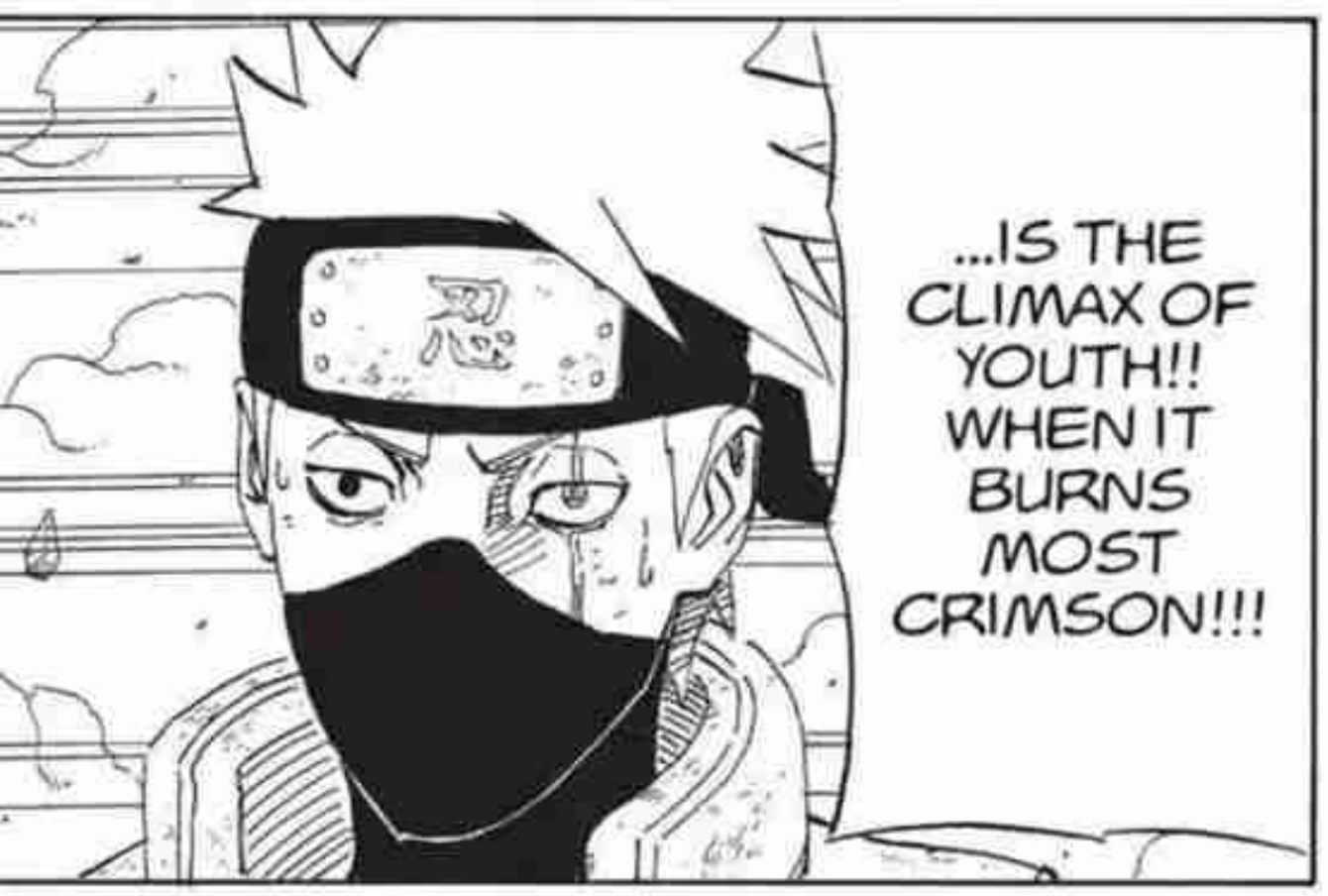

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SEKIZO!! EVENING ELEPHANT!!